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Time: 2:00 PM

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#### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA

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#### On this agenda:

- 2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2021
- 3. COVID-19 Situational Update
- 4. Public Health Nurse Update
- 5. DISCUSSION:

#### Mask Mandate

#### Events:

• Mystic Brass Ensemble - First Baptist Church of Arlington

#### 6. HEARING:

Keeping of Hens - 88 Westminster Ave

#### 7. HEARING:

Variance Request - Toraya

#### 8. HEARING:

Ink by Mina - Body Art Establishment Application

#### 9. HEARING:

Ismini Vocas - Body Art Practitioner Application

#### 10. HEARING:

Dylan Vadakin - Body Art Practitioner Application

#### 11. HEARING:

Housing Code Violation - 142 Summer Street

#### 12. UPDATES:

**Environmental Health** 

#### 13. UPDATES:

Restaurants

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Adjourn



# Town of Arlington Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Board of Health

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#### On this agenda:

#### Attendance -

Maria Walsh-Condon, Aye Kevin Fallon – Aye Ken Kohlberg, Aye

Diana DeStefano, Aye Jessica Kerr, Aye Ashley Jean, Aye Natasha Waden, Aye Pat Martin, Nay

**Applicants** 

Michael Hunnewell – Eskar, Aye Jeremy McCormack – Benchmark Practitioner, Aye Shajid & Farah Shaikh– Galaxy Market, Aye

#### Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2020

Dr. Condon has a couple of comments. On pg 3, Item no. 2 in the COVID situational update, Dr. Condon requests to add the words "to date" in reference to the month of August.

Pg. 3 section 2, Dr. Condon request to remove the word "best" and instead add "an additional indicator".

Pg. 4 first paragraph, Dr. Condon requests to remove the last sentence "the state has also adopted this stance"

Pg. 5 No. 6, public comment, Dr. Condon requests to change the language "past practitioner" to "retired physician".

Dr. Kevin Fallon makes a Motion to accept minutes with suggested corrections by Dr. Condon. The motion is seconded by Mr. Kohlberg. All in favor.

#### 3. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2020

Pg. 4, Dr. Condon identifies a typo of the word "work" which should be changed to "word".

Motion made approved as edited by Mr. Kohlberg, second by Dr. Fallon. All in favor.

#### 4. COVID-19 Situational Update

Public Health Nurse, Jessica Kerr reports that there have been 2101 positive, 204 probable, and 87 deaths associated with Covid-19. In August there were 145 cases. To date in September, there have been 50 cases, which show an encouraging decrease from last month.

Lucille Nicholson is back to do contact tracing. Contact tracing hours are M-F 8-4. We're working closely with the schools to assist them with contact tracing. We've met with superintendent, school nurse leader, and COVID-19 lead to keep lines of communication open.

Leadership group is meeting as needed to discuss ongoing policies. We are working to re-connect with childcare facilities to provide clarification on isolation, quarantine and the school test and stay program.

#### 5. Public Health Nurse Update

It is the beginning of flu season, and clinics have started at AHA Sr. Buildings. Two clinics have already been conducted in these facilities. Clinics at the remaining facilities will be conducted throughout the next few weeks and ending with an open clinic at Town Hall on September 30. To date, we have seen more participants than we have over the past few years.

We have been in discussion with schools to work on school-based clinics to vaccinate students.

Arlington is Host Agency for MRC and Sara Nelson has been hired as the new MRC Coordinator.

#### 6. DISCUSSION:

Mask Mandate

The CDC community transmission data and MWRA wastewater data for Middlesex Country have illustrated a small decrease, but no significant change at this point. At this time, we have not met the 2-week consecutive low-risk designation per the CDC classification and therefore the mask mandate will remain in place.

A discussion was had in regards to making exceptions to the mask mandate, specifically as it relates to the performing arts and indoor semi-private events. The Board determined that they would be willing to discuss the specifics of the event and make decisions based on a case by case basis.

The following events were discussed:

#### **Theatre**

Both Pat Martin and Director Waden have been working with Arlington Friends of Drama. Director Waden invites Mr. Charles Carr to speak. Mr. Charles Carr states that due to the small space of the theatre, the 25ft distance eliminates half of the 194 seats available. There is a show in October with a cast of 4 individuals singing. Mr. Carr explained that the cast members have all volunteered to be tested within 72hrs of each of the two weekend performances; the theatre will require proof of vaccination for performers/attendees; and all other building occupants would be masked. Given these additional steps, Mr. Carr would like to ask for a variance from 25ft distance requirement between performers and the audience so that they could sell all or most of seats while also having a safe performance.

Dr. Condon reviews that the 25ft is put in place due to projection of singers, but does believe that number was chosen for larger venues with more cast members. Dr. Condon believes that all explained measures illustrate a safe situation and would be in favor of a variance.

Mr. Kohlberg concurs and would like to see a more detailed variance outline in the future.

Dr. Fallon is pleased to hear that audience masking will remain in place and is in favor of negative tests for performers, masked audience, and the proof of vaccination requirement.

The Board concurs that the Health Department and Arlington Friends of the Drama can work together to develop a plan. The Health Department will follow-up.

#### Wedding

Director Waden explained that the Town has multiple venues (such as Town Hall auditorium and Whittemore Robbins House) where special, semi-public events take place. These events include wedding ceremonies and receptions. Recently, there have been a couple of inquiries about whether or not the mask mandate could be lifted indoors for these events if all guests agreed to be tested on the day of the event and only those who test negative were allowed to enter the facility.

Dr. Condon states the assumption that these would apply to large gatherings, and is not comfortable with the idea of large numbers gathered unmasked at an indoor setting at this time. Dr. Condon stated she would be more willing to consider an exemption for the bride and groom, but not for all guests. Dr. Condon also mentioned that it is possible that the mask mandate may expire by the time the event takes place.

Dr. Fallon questions the practicality of testing all individuals on the day of the event, and would like more specifics about the availability of testing.

Mr. Kohlberg would be open to considering the option with more details as to the specifics and believes that Town Council should be engaged in this process.

Dr. Condon summarizes that the Board would be open to hearing more specifics about this proposal at the next meeting if the mask mandate remains in place.

#### Susan's Barber Shop

Director Waden reports that the Office has received a number of complaints regarding Susan's Barber Shop. Inspectors from the office visited the establishment approximately two weeks ago and reported that upon arrival the owner and staff were observed unmasked while working on clients. Although the mask mandate was explained to the owner, she stated that she would not adhere to the mandate. To date, the department has received two additional complaints at this establishment.

Director Natasha Waden explained that she is bringing this before the Board to discuss what next steps the Board would like to take with this establishment. In speaking with Town Counsel, Waden provided the board with the following options:

- 1. Place the establishment under formal order to comply
- 2. Require the business to appear at the next Board of Health Meeting
- 3. Begin fining the establishment
- 4. Begin the process for seeking a court ordered injunction which would close the establishment until they are in compliance with the mask mandate.

Dr. Condon asks if the business owner has been informed of the possibilities of next steps. Director Waden states not yet. Dr. Condon states that a first step would be formal notification of possible consequences of non-compliance.

Mr. Kohlberg believes that it is a legal matter and they need formal written notice of non-compliance. This needs to be done immediately as this is a public health measure for the protection of the public health.

Dr. Fallon agrees with need for immediate notification and local authority of enforcement.

#### 7. HEARING:

Benchmark Tattoo - Body Art Practitioner Application

Ms. Curbow provided an overview of Mr. Jeremy McCormack's application and reported that it is in compliance with the Town of Arlington's Body art rules and

Mr. McCormack thanked the Board for their time and provided them with a summary of his qualifications.

Dr. Fallon made a motion to approve the application; Mr. Ken Kohlberg seconded the motion. All are in favor. Annette will be in touch with next steps.

#### 8. HEARING:

Eskar Arlington LLC - Permit to Operate a Marijuana Establishment

Director Waden re-introduces the application and explains that this establishment is in compliance with all requirements of the permit and had been before the Board previously but because they were missing one SOP, the hearing had been continued.

Mr. Hunnewell reported that Inspector Pat Martin notified him that the Police department had approved of all answers to outstanding questions regarding the establishment's security plan and that additional language was added to their existing SOP to clarify that camera footage will be kept on file for 90 days.

Mr. Hunnewell confirms that all updated SOP's were sent on Friday morning to Inspector Martin. Additionally, he reported that they are hoping to open in the early part of Q1. They believe demo would start next week, and that the build out would take about 10-weeks.

Dr. Fallon made a motion to approve the application as presented by Dr. Fallon; seconded by Mr. Kohlberg. All are in favor.

#### 9. HEARING:

Tobacco Violation - Galaxy Market

Health Compliance Officer Annette Curbow provided an overview of tobacco sales violations that have occurred at this establishment over the last 6-8 months. Most recently, the establishment had been serving a tobacco sales suspension when inspectors conducted a spot check on August 10<sup>th</sup> and found multiple tobacco products onsite in a bin adjacent to the register. A second spot check on September 1<sup>st</sup> revealed multiple tobacco products including flavored tobacco being stored in a drawer under the register. As a result of these ongoing violations, the establishment is being brought before the Board to discuss the continued suspension or revocation of their permit to sell tobacco products.

The Galaxy Market owners, Shajid and Farah Shaikh, stated that these products were found very far under the counter, and they were unaware that these products were there.

Dr. Condon states that based on the repeated violations, she is not comfortable having this establishment sell tobacco products.

Mr. Kohlberg believes this is a legal issue and Town Council should be made aware. This has gone beyond a public health issue.

Director Natasha Waden outlines the Tobacco Sales regulations and reviewed the options that the Board of Health can take concerning this matter. The options include:

- 1) Continuation of a suspension to sell tobacco products.
- 2) Revocation of their permit to sell tobacco products.

Upon reviewing the options Director Waden invites the owners to comment about these options. Ms. Shaikh states that they are no longer able to afford the business, and therefore are looking to sell. Ms. Shaikh voices her concern that revoking the license means that they cannot sell the business, despite having lined up a prospective buyer.

Director Waden explains that if the board were to suspend the permit, it would still exist with the business and if the business is sold, the new business owner would have the first option to apply for this permit. If the Board revokes the permit, it would mean that there is an open permit and anyone interested in selling tobacco products could apply for it.

Mr. Fallon believes the suspension should be continued in accordance with the regulation.

Dr. Condon asks if there can be a suspension that ends upon change of ownership. Director Waden states that once there is a change of ownership, the suspension would be lifted. However, Waden suggests that if the Board wants to consider extending the suspension that it is through the end of the year (December 31, 2021). If the business is not sold by that point, the Board will have to determine if a new permit will be issued in 2022 for this establishment.

Dr. Fallon makes a motion to continue the suspension effective immediately, to expire on December 31, 2021 or upon transfer of business ownership; motion is seconded by Mr. Kohlberg. All are in favor.

The Health Department will be in touch with the owners regarding next steps.

#### 10. UPDATES:

#### **Environmental Health**

Director Waden reports that the Department is working with the former Belmont ACO to host a public forum through Zoom to address the most recent concerns about coyote's encounters in Town.

Spy Pond and Monotomy Rocks Park have been posted for algal blooms. We have worked on public education. Algal bloom posting cannot be removed until two consecutive tests within a 14 day period indicate that levels are below the threshold.

There have been 5 human cases of WNV, four in Middlesex County. Arlington's risk was elevated from moderate to high risk. There have been press releases and town communications notifying the town.

#### **Rodent Update**

Director Waden provided the Board with an update on the Department's current rodent control/education program. Waden explained that there is a lot of concern among residents about the use of rodenticides and the effects they have on wildlife.

Although the Department emphasizes the importance of Integrated Pest Management (where rodenticides are the last resort) we recognize that more targeted education is necessary.

#### 11. UPDATES:

#### Restaurants

Thrive Juice Café was affected by fire.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

#### Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Fallon, seconded by Mr. Kohlberg. Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.



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27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

To: Board of Health Members

From: Ashley Jean, Health Compliance Officer

Date: October 7, 2021

RE: Mystic Brass Ensemble at First Baptist Church of Arlington – Variance Request

Mystic Brass Ensemble is requesting a variance of the Arlington Mask Mandate for a concert at First Baptist Church of Arlington (819 Massachusetts Ave). The concert would take place on November 14, 2021. The event would start at 3:00 pm and end at 4:15 pm. There will be 22 performers and 35 guests in attendance. The Ensemble's safety requirements for performers would be proof of vaccination, social distancing, and usage of masks when possible. The Ensemble's requirements for guests would be proof of vaccination, social distancing, masks required, and registration prior to attendance.

Additional information has been requested but no response has been received at this time. It is anticipated more information will be provided at the Board of Health meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



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#### **MEMO**

To:

**Board of Health Members** 

From: Ashley Jean, Health Compliance Officer

Date: October 7, 2021

RE:

Keeping of Hens Request at 88 Westminster Avenue

Alexandra Rowell submitted a Keeping of Hens Site Plan Review Application for 88 Westminster Avenue on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The property's dwelling is a single-family structure owned by the applicants on an 11,184 sq. ft. lot. The property has two abutters. Abutters were notified by the applicant of their intent to receive a permit for the keeping of hens via certified mail.

The attached application provided by the applicant illustrates that all distance requirements set forth in the Town Bylaw are satisfied; the coop's location does not violate the six feet minimum distance from all property lines. A site walk through was conducted on September 1st, 2021 to verify the location of the coop and run. At the time of the site visit, the applicants had not yet purchased the coop or hens, but have marked the planned location, which meets all setback requirements.

Included with this memo please find a site diagram of the coop as well as an inspection report from the September 1st site walk through. The application included thoughtful responses and all necessary components. If the application is approved, no final permit will be granted until an inspection of the finished coop confirms the build-out matches the design specifications.



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#### KEEPING OF HENS SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION

These guidelines are not final requirements. The Board of Health may require additional information based on the type and location of operation.

Plan Review Fee: \$150.00 (checks made payable to: Town of Arlington)	
For office use only: Date/time application received: 8/17/2021 Received by: A8/114 Jean BOH Staff)	
APPLICANT NAME: ALEXANDRA ROWELL	
APPLICANTADDRESS: 88 WESTMINSTER AVE	
CONTACT NUMBER: 617 - 733 - 8507	3
CONTACT EMAIL: alexandra.b. boyle @gmail.com	

#### **Keeping of Hens Application Process Summary**

- 1. Submit this Site Plan Review Application to Health Department with check for \$150.
- 2. Health Department reviews application and conducts site walk.
- 3. After plan review and site walk, a meeting date with the Board of Health is set. The applicant will notify all abutters at least 14 days but no more than 30 days prior to the hearing, of their intent to keep hens and the BOH hearing date, time and location. Abutters shall include both owners and tenants. The applicant shall provide verification of notification in the form of a signed letter or USPS receipt that a certified letter has been received.
- 4. A meeting with the Board of Health is held and a decision made to approve or deny application based upon all requirements set forth in town bylaw.
- 5. Once approved by the Board of Health, the applicant is required to submit an Application for Annual Permit to Keep Hens to the Health Department with a check for \$100 and the applicant will be permitted to construct coop and pen.
- 6. A final inspection is conducted once coop and pen have been constructed and final approval to keep hens is granted.
- 7. An annual permit to keep hens is required through the Health Department expiring April 1st of every year. A renewal permit must be obtained. Permit holders that fail to renew their keeping of hens permit prior to April 1st are subject to a \$100 reinstatement fee.
- 8. An annual inspection will be conducted by the Health Department. Failure to meet requirements set forth in the town bylaws may result in a re-inspection fee of \$100 and a hearing with the Board of Health to determine whether permit should be revoked, suspended, or subject to further conditions.

#### CIRCLE/ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Is the applicant the sole owner of the property where hens will be kept? If no, please provide signed written statements from all property owners granting permission for spouse is additional owner the keeping of hens.

What is the size of the property lot in square feet?	11,184	59 ft.	
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#### I. HENHOUSE / PEN:

#### 1. Location

- a. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure be in the rear yard of the property?
- (YES)NO
- b. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure be at least six (6) feet from all property lines?
- (YES)NO
- c. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure be at least 25 feet from existing residences on adjacent lots?
- d. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure be located at least 200 feet from the high water mark of any known source of drinking water supply or any tributary thereof, and at least 50 feet from any well?

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- e. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure conform to all relevant property setbacks for accessory structures as specified in sections 6.18 and 5.04(8.23) of the zoning bylaws?

  (YES/NO
- f. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure interfere with any utility or other feature of the property that needs suitable access?
- g. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure be located in a well-drained area that does not discharge to a public way or neighbor's property?
- M. Please provide a plot plan depicting all of the following: all structures on property, all structures on abutting properties, and proposed locations of the henhouse/pen enclosure, composting/manure storage and food storage.

#### 2. Construction

- a. Will the henhouse enclosure provide a minimum interior floor surface of at least two (2) square feet per bird?
- b. Will the pen enclosure provide a minimum ground surface of at least five (5) square feet per bird?

  (YES)NO
- c. Will the henhouse/pen enclosure be securely constructed in a manner that excludes predators and pests, including those that fly, burrow and reach?
- d. Will the pen enclosure have a predator and pest proof material across the top?

(YES/NO

e. Will the henhouse provide protection from the elements as needed?

YES/NO

- f. Will the henhouse be constructed in such a manner and with such materials that allow for effective weekly cleaning? YES/NO
- g. Please provide a separate detailed description of the henhouse/ pen enclosure, including square footages and photographs if possible.

#### 3. Maintenance

a. Will the feed be securely stored in a rodent and pest proof container?



- b. Will the feed leftover from feeding remain in an area accessible to rodents and pests past dusk?
- c. If weather is too cold, or composting is otherwise not possible, will there be a sealable container for waste to be stored until disposal?
- d. If composting is possible, how and where will waste be composted with carbonaceous material such as hay, bedding, or leaves? Please identify composting/ manure storage location on required certified plot plan.

Chicken manure and food scraps will be composted with used bedding and leaves in compost bin stoned adjacent to chicken coop. We plan to purchase a tumbling-style compost bin that is raised off the ground and is well sealed to prevent rodents.

e. What measures will be taken to prevent the buildup of pests or rodent populations due to the presence of hens on the property?

Removal offood scraps and residual feed from coop every evening, 1/4" hardwire mesh all around coop to prevent entry of pests/rodents, traps around coop (out of reach of children + chickens), food stared in tightly sealed containers locked into closed compartment/shed below resking boxes, no debn's around coop where rodents could hide or nest, scheduled weekly rating out of run and hosing down/scrubbing of stones/brick surrounding coop. I also plan to look into encorporating plants near the area that deter rodents. Last I plan to use self-closing feed containers that open to the weight of a chicken but not a mouse.

f. Please provide a separate detailed written maintenance plan describing the following: cleaning practices and schedule for the henhouse/pen enclosure and feed and water containers, which anti-bacterial/viral cleaning solution will be used, which bedding material will be used in the henhouse and at which depth it will be provided, how frequently the bedding material will be composted, and any other appropriate nuisance (odor & noise) prevention measures that will be taken.

#### II. HENS:

#### 1. Hen keeper

- a. The hen keeper must take a class in keeping hens. Is a copy of a certificate of completion from a hen-keeping course included in this application?
  - b. Will there be a knowledgeable person in charge to care for hens during vacations or extended leaves?

    YES NO

#### 2. Source

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a. What type of hens and how many hens will you be keeping?  Thens to start, in several years may increase to a maximum of 6.  Buff orpington, Australorp, Easter Egger, and possibly  Plymouth Rock
b. Will the hens be acquired from S. pullorum clean sources from National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) participants?
c. Where will the hens be acquired from and what documentation will be provided?  mypetchicken com and they will provide NPTP documentation  and proof of Marek's vaccination.  Health & Disease Concerns
a. Will the hens be vaccinated from any communicable diseases?  If yes, from what? Marek's, then likely medicated feed  b. Will newly acquired hens be isolated from healthy resident birds?  YES/NO
If yes, where and for how long? Presently no resident birds but if we choose to later increase size of flock, would agree baby offices and incep separate for at least 4 weeks, in side nome in warmer 66 weeks 1 flocks old chicks of chick

#### To complete this application the following materials must be provided:

- Copy of list of property abutters obtained from Town of Arlington Assessors Office.
- If applicant is not sole property owner, signed written statements from all property owners granting permission for the keeping of hens.
- Plot plan drawn to scale depicting all of the following: all structures on property, all structures on abutting properties, proposed locations of the henhouse/pen enclosure, composting/manure storage and food storage, and distance of henhouse and pen from property lines and existing adjacent residences. The BOH reserves the right to require the applicant to provide a plot plan certified by a professional engineer or land surveyor to resolve any questions or disputes relating to the conformance of the placement of the henhouse and pen with any and all relevant property setbacks and zoning bylaw requirements.
- Written maintenance plan and description of henhouse/pen enclosure.
- Copy of certificate of completion from a hen-keeping course.
- After a BOH hearing date has been set, submit a copy of a signed and dated letter or receipt from USPS that a certified letter has been received by each abutter informing them of your application to keep hens and notifying them of the BOH hearing date, time and location. Abutters include both property owners and tenants.

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I have read the town bylaws regarding the keeping of hens and understand the requirements as outlined. I understand failure to comply with the requirements of the town bylaws and failure to prevent a public health nuisance may result in revocation of my Permit to Keep Hens.

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MEMO Plan REVIEW Fee For KOH

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# DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

RESEARCH & EXTENSION

University of Arhansas System

# Course Completion Certificate

This is to certify that

Alexandra Rowell

has completed the course

Backyard Poultry

on

May 7, 2021

#### Henhouse Maintenance Plan:

Bedding Material: Pine shavings

We will have designated shoes to wear in and around the chicken coop as well as designated rakes/tools for cleaning.

Hand sanitizer will be kept just outside the coop.

#### Daily:

Fresh food and water brought out to hens each morning. Spilled feed and residual feed removed at end of day.

Any moist bedding from spilled water removed immediately.

No debris will be allowed to accumulate around the coop.

#### Weekly:

Soiled bedding removed and composted, replaced with fresh bedding to maintain 5" depth inside coop. Any accumulated manure scraped from roosts.

Nest boxes cleaned as needed.

Run raked and fencing inspected.

Bricks/stone around coop hosed off/scrubbed clean.

Water and food containers scrubbed clean with soap and water and rinsed with a diluted bleach solution.

#### As Needed, At Least Monthly:

Scrape interior surfaces of henhouse clean and wipe surfaces with vinegar.

Replace base layer of henhouse floor and nesting box contents.

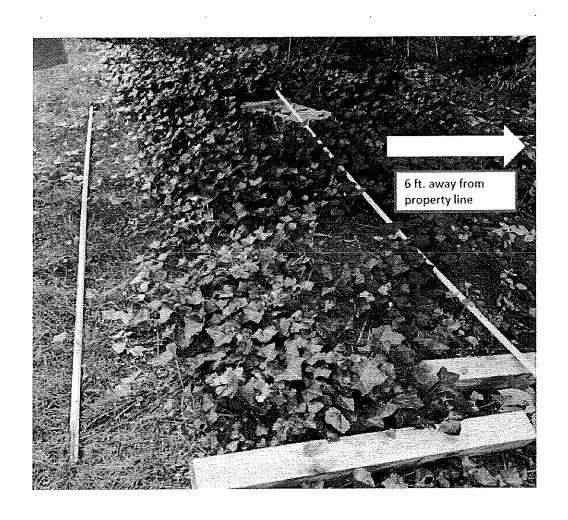
Refill hand sanitizer at coop

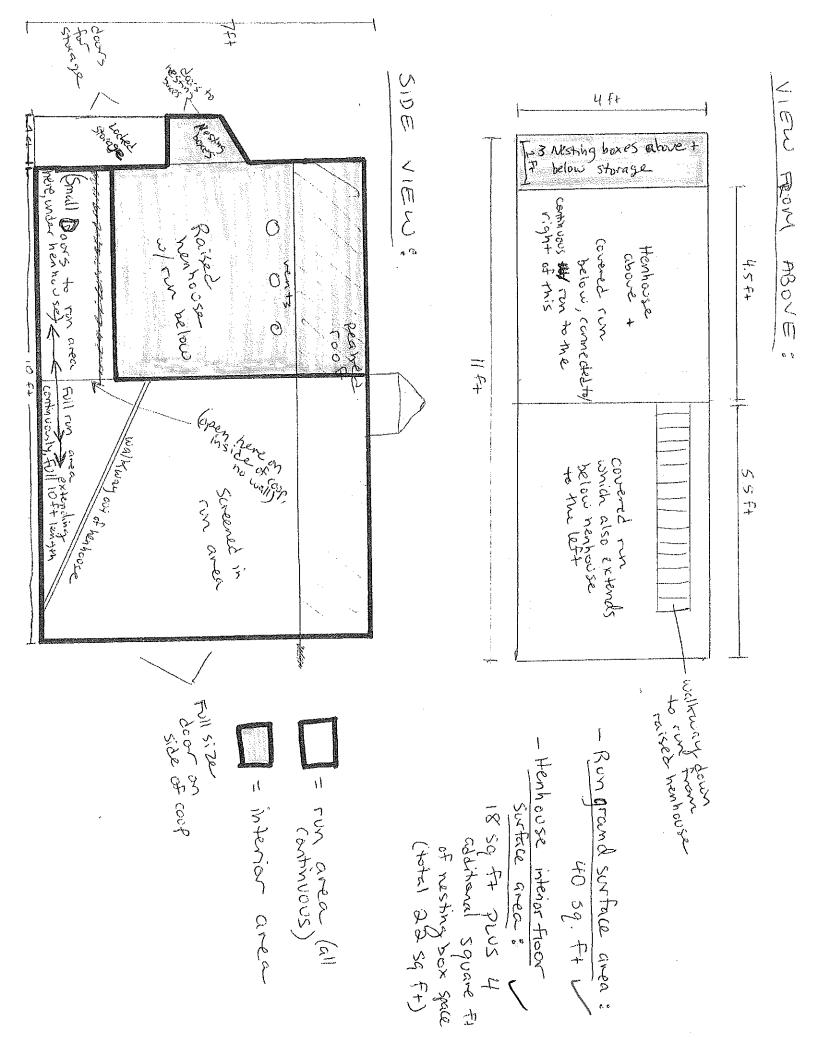
#### **Every Fall and Spring:**

Deep clean and disinfect coop:

- Dry clean: Sweep and remove dust/debris, remove all manure from roosts and other surfaces by scraping, remove and compost all bedding and manure.
- Wet clean: Soak heavily soiled areas with water, scrub all surfaces of the coop and pen with a mixture of hot water and dish detergent and a stiff brush, then rinse off completely with water and dry.
- Disinfect: Spray all surfaces of the coop with a diluted bleach solution (6oz bleach to 1 gallon of water). Allow to rest on surface for at least 10 minutes prior to rinsing off. Rinse and dry coop completely prior to allowing hens back into coop. If bleach is too difficult to use safely, I may opt to use a hydrogen peroxide based cleaner instead such as Rescue or Virkon-S but my preference is to use bleach.
- Scrub clean with detergent and water and then soak waterers and feeders in a diluted bleach and warm water solution (1 tbsp bleach to 1 gallon of boiling water)
- Scrub clean with detergent and water and then soak rubber boots in diluted bleach solution.
   Soak scrub brush and tools used in coop maintenance (rakes, scrapers, etc) in diluted bleach solution.
- Make any needed repairs: Check for drafts/small openings and make any other needed repairs.
- Add new pine shaving bedding into coop.

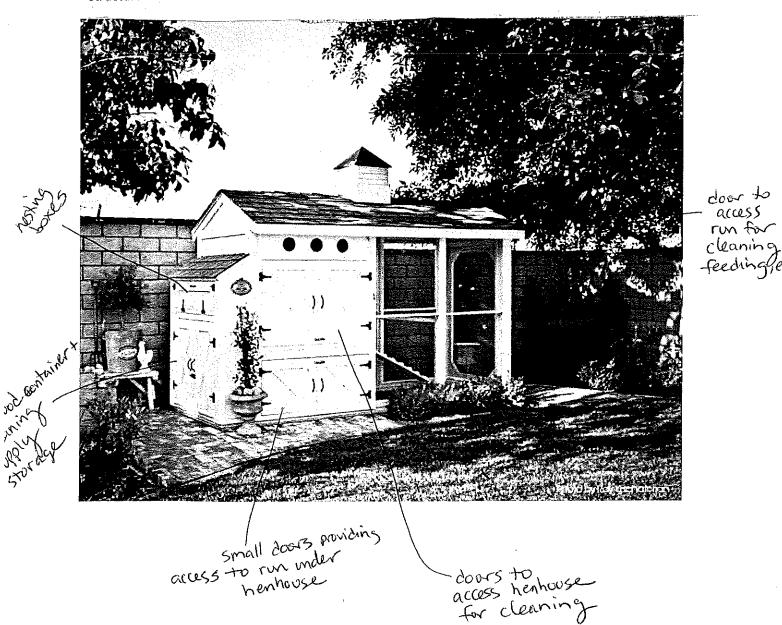
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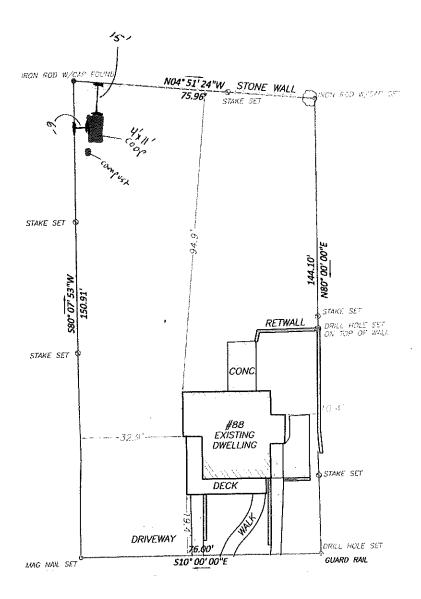




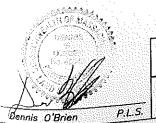
#### Detailed Description of Henhouse/Pen Enclosure:

We are building our own coop using plans we purchased online. The design is for a structure that is 4' wide x 11' long x 7' tall. Half of the structure is the raised henhouse with 3 nesting boxes and roosts (the henhouse will total about 20 square feet) and the other half is the run (totaling about 40 square feet; 20 square feet adjacent to the henhouse continuous with 20 square feet underneath the henhouse). All vents and open areas of the henhouse and the run will be covered with %" hardwire mesh. The hardwire mesh will also extend 12-18" underground around the entire structure. We may also surround the henhouse with stone or brick to facilitate easier cleaning of the surroundings and prevention of burrowing animals. Each door will have a multi-step lock to protect against more determined/agile predators. There is a door from the henhouse to the run which will open with a string from the outside and there is a regular height door for entering and cleaning the run as well as a chicken sized door that can be opened or locked closed. There will be a storage compartment underneath the nesting boxes where closed containers of food and cleaning supplies will be stored. Roof is shingled across the entire structure.

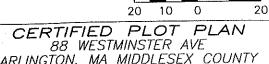




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Office of the Board of Assessors Robbins Memorial Town Hall Arlington, MA 02476 (781) 316-3050 Assessors@town.arlington.ma.us

#### **Abutters List**

Date: April 07, 2021

Subject Property Address: 88 WESTMINSTER AVE Arlington, MA

Subject Property ID: 85-4-2

Search Distance: Direct Abutters-Keeping of Hens

The Board of Assessors certifies the names and addresses of requested parties in interest, all abutters to a single parcel who are direct abutters.

**Board of Assessors** 

#### **Abutters List**

Date: April 07, 2021

Subject Property Address: 88 WESTMINSTER AVE Arlington, MA

Subject Property ID: 85-4-2

Search Distance: 0 Feet (Direct Abutters)

Prop ID: 85-4-1.B

Prop Location: 82 WESTMINSTER AVE Arlington, MA

Owner: IVERS LOUISE RUMA / ESTATE Co-Owner: IVERS RICHARD ANTHONY

Mailing Address:

C/O ELISABETH IVERS

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BROOKLYN, NY 11215

Prop ID: 85-4-1.C

Prop Location: 0-LOT WESTMINSTER AVE Arlington, MA

Owner: IVERS LOUISE RUMA / ESTATE Co-Owner: IVERS RICHARD ANTHONY

Mailing Address:

C/O ELISABETH IVERS

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BROOKLYN, NY 11215

Prop ID: 85-4-2

Prop Location: 88 WESTMINSTER AVE Arlington, MA

Owner: ROWELL CHRISTOPHER

Co-Owner: ROWELL ALEXANDRA BOYLE

Mailing Address:

88 WESTMINSTER AVE ARLINGTON, MA 02474

Prop ID: 85-4-4

Prop Location: 92 WESTMINSTER AVE Arlington, MA

Owner: LEVERONI ANDREW M--ETAL Co-Owner: LEVERONI KATHLEEN M

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Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to let you know that we are planning to install a small henhouse and enclosure for keeping several hens in the back of our yard. The area will be setback from the property lines, away from any neighboring structures, no roosters will be kept, and I have a thorough maintenance and sanitation plan for the area.

There is a Board of Health hearing scheduled to review our application for this at 2pm on October 13, 2021. Per Arlington regulations, I am required to notify all abutters of this meeting via certified mail. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me anytime by phone or email, listed below.

We hope to be sharing some fresh eggs with you soon!

Warm Regards,

Alexandra Rowell alexandra.b.boyle@gmail.con 617-733-8507

Town of Arlington
Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Board of Health
27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Christopher Rowell, share ownership of the property at 88 Westminster Avenue, with my wife Alexandra Rowell. I am aware of her intention to keep hens on our property and grant her my permission to do so.

Thank you,

**Christopher Rowell** 



### Town of Arlington Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Board of Health

27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

To: Board of Health Members

From: Ashley Jean, Health Compliance Officer

Date: October 7, 2021

RE: Sushi Kappo Toraya Sushi (795 Massachusetts Ave) –Variance Request

Sushi Kappo Toraya Sushi has applied for a variance in accordance with Food Code 3-502.11. The establishment intends to use acidification, through the use of a vinegar solution, to render cooked rice a non-time/temperature control for safety (non-TCS) food. The variance request was accompanied by the required Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) plan, which follows for your review. A rice sample has been validated by a local food testing laboratory with a pH of 3.86, less than the target of 4.1.



#### Sushi Kappo Toraya Sushi

795 Mass Ave Arlington, MA 02476

Prepared by
Eileen Hicks, CP-FS
Berger Food Safety Consulting

October 2021

www.servingsafefood.com

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- E. Labeling

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- A. Daily pH test results
- B. Annual pH test results from certified food laboratory
- C. Corrective Action Logs

#### Overview

#### A. Description of Product:

Rice for sushi that is to be held at room temperature.

#### B. Methods for pH Control – acidification:

Vinegar mixture added to cooked rice for acidification. (See Recipe).

#### C. Operational Procedures

**1.** Follow recipe. (See Recipe).

#### 2. Description of Designated Area and Equipment:

Sushi rice cooked in the Panasonic Electric Rice Cooker and mixed with Rice Vinegar mixture in the kitchen. Rice is then kept covered in the Zojirushi warmer for up to four hours.

#### 3. Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedures:

All food contact surface and utensils will be properly cleaned, rinsed and sanitized prior to and after use. The three-bay sink will be set up properly and utilized. Chlorine sanitizer is used in the three-bay sink and will be mixed to the proper concentration as indicated by the manufacturer and concentration will be verified by the use of a sanitizing test kit. (Chlorine normal concentration 50-100ppm)

#### 4. Verification Procedures;

Recipe will be verified annually by certified food laboratory (report enclosed) and will be verified on an annual basis. Laboratory test results from food laboratory shall be maintained on file for one year.

#### **HACCP Team:**

Eileen Hicks, CP-FS
Berger Food Safety Consulting

Shinji Muraki, Sushi Chef

#### **Standard Operating Procedures (Operational Procedures)**

#### A. Receipt of Materials

All products are inspected immediately in the receiving area and placed in the dry storage area or under refrigeration at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Package integrity, pack dates, and appearance/condition are monitored. All products that are to be rejected/returned are clearly identified and separated from acceptable products.

#### B. Processing

Before processing, all food contact surfaces, equipment and utensils are cleaned, rinsed, and sanitized. Only approved food-grade equipment will be used in contact with foods. Sushi rice is prepared according to the recipe (see Recipe). *Any changes to the recipe or plan will be submitted to the health department*. After rice is done and cooled, the sushi chef will test the pH levels. Sushi rolls are assembled according to recipe.

#### C. Storage Procedures

Rice is kept covered in the Zojirushi rice warmer for up to 4 hours and discarded after 4 hours.

#### D. pH testing procedures with pH Meter

- 1. Calibrate the pH meter according to the Instruction Manual for the pH meter. Verify that buffer solution used for calibration is within expiration date. (See enclosed instructions)
- 2. Mix rice thoroughly according to the recipe with Mizkan Vinegar solution.
- 3. Obtain teaspoonful size samples of rice from four different corners and center of container and place in a 4 ounce cup.
- 4. Pour distilled water just to cover the rice. Crush the rice thoroughly with back of spoon.
- 5. Dip tip of pH meter into the solution. Stir once and wait until the reading on the screen stabilizes. Reading must be below 4.3. Target pH is 4.1.
- 6. Record the pH reading on the log.
- 7. Every batch of rice must be tested for proper pH before rice can be used.
- 8. Logs will be maintained on file for 6 months.

### HACCP for Acidification of Sushi Rice © 2021 Berger Food Safety Consulting. All Rights Reserved.

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#### pH Testing procedures with pH paper (To be used as a back-up method)

pHydion Microfine 2.8-4.6 will be used for the testing of the rice. Test kit has been provided to the establishment and additional supply can be purchased from:

Micro Essential Laboratory, 4224 Avenue H Brooklyn, NY 11210 718-692-4491

- 1. Mix rice thoroughly. Place equal parts of acidified rice (2 ounces) into a clean bowl. Add equal amounts of distilled water (2 ounces) to cover the rice. Mash the grains of rice with clean spoon. Dip pH test paper into the solution. Leave paper submerged in rice slurry for 3-5 seconds. Record the pH reading on the log. If the pH is in-between two colors on the chart, the range should be recorded (ex. 4.0-4.3).
- 2. Every batch of rice must be tested for proper pH before rice can be used. Logs will be maintained on file for 30 days.

#### E. Labeling Procedures

Menus will be labeled according to MA regulations with proper consumer and allergy advisories for all sushi containing raw fish.

The consumer advisory will have the proper disclaimer statement followed by the advisory that will read:

"Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of a foodborne illness."

The Allergen Awareness Statement will read:

"Before placing your order, please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy."

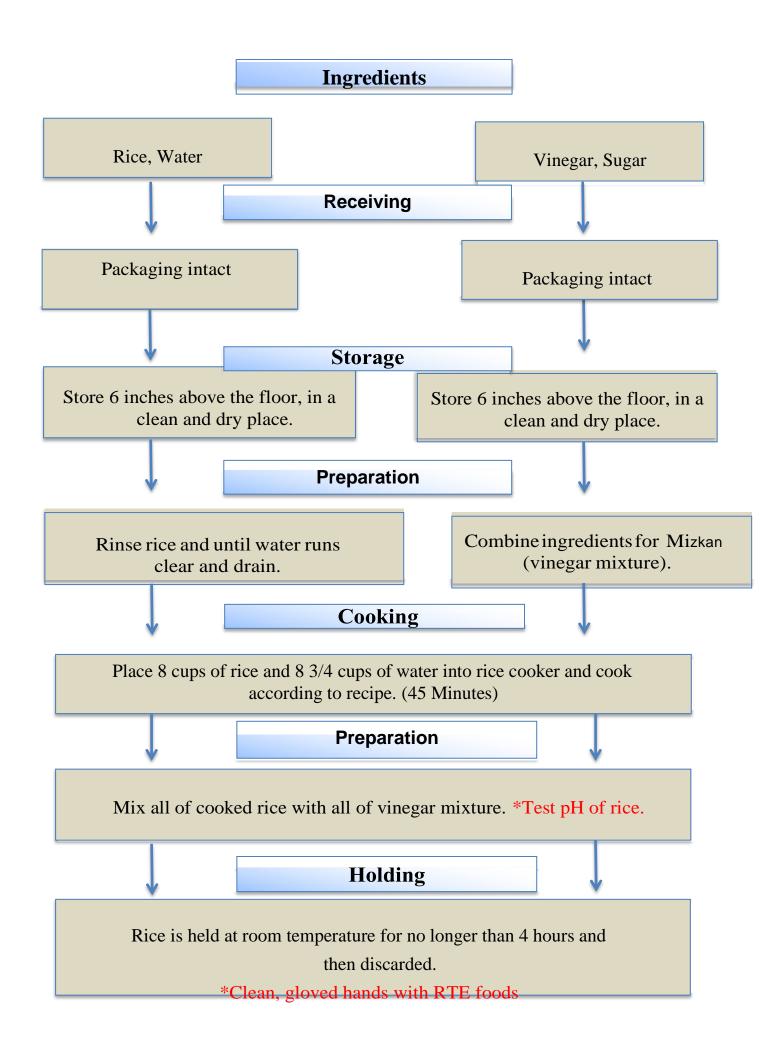
#### HACCP PLAN SUMMARY FOR ACIDIFICATION OF SUSHI RICE

Process Step	C C P	Biological Hazards	Critical Limits	Monitoring Procedures: Persons Responsible	Corrective Action	Verification: Person Responsible	Records
Receiving	N	Minimal	No contaminants, quality acceptable, TCS foods received at 41° F or lower, frozen food received frozen solid	Visual: Any	Reject if contaminated, or otherwise unacceptable	Visual: KM, GM	Documented on invoice
Storage	N	Bacterial	TCS foods stored at 41° F or lower. Frozen fish received frozen solid. Store 6 "off the floor and in a manner to prevent cross- contamination	Daily ambient temperature checks for all cold holding units: PIC or designated employee	If units are not maintaining 41° For lower, foods will be transferred to another refrigeration unit and unit will be serviced. If products have been > 41° F for longer than 4 hours or time is unknown they will be discarded	Visual: KM, GM	Refrigeration Logs Corrective Action Log when necessary

Preparation/Cooking	N	Bacterial	Prepare vinegar and cook rice according to HACCP recipe. Add vinegar mixture to cooked rice following instructions in the HACCP recipe for proper acidification	Visual: KM, HACCP Coordinator, PIC	If rice and vinegar mixture is not prepared according to HACCP recipe, it will be discarded and the process will be started over under manager supervision	Visual: KM, GM	Corrective Action Log when necessary
Processing – Acidification	Y	Bacteria, Bacillus cereus, other spore- forming bacteria	Target pH level/critical limit for rice is 4.1 if tested within one hour. Critical Limit is 4.3 when tested between 1 and 2 hours of preparation. Critical limit is <4.6 after 2 hours of preparation	Each Batch to be tested by the KM or manager and recorded on the daily pH log. Sushi rice to be tested by a certified food laboratory annually	If greater than 4.3 (upon initial testing/within 2 hours of preparation), add more vinegar mixture to rice (8 ounces at a time), retest pH levels until mixture is at or below 4.3. If pH is > 4.6 after 2 hours of preparation / mixing, discard rice. In, addition, the manager will review the recipe with sushi chefs to	GM and KM will review and initialize logs daily. Rice to be tested by a certified food laboratory annually and lab results are to be kept on file for review by the local health department for at least one year	Every batch of sushi Rice will be tested and recorded on daily pH Log. Daily pH log will be kept on file for 30 days. pH testing reports from laboratory will be filed in binder for at least one year. Corrective Action Log when necessary

					correct any discrepancies between the recipe and actual process. Manager will also verify that pH meter is working properly and/or the test strips are not damaged		
Cleaning and Sanitizing	N	Bacterial	All equipment and utensils cleaned and sanitized before and after every use, every four hours if in continue use and at end of shift/event	Visual: KM, GM	Clean and sanitize soiled equipment	Visual: KM, GM	None
Hygienic practices	Y	Bacterial and viral hazards from employee handling of product	Clean, gloved hands	Visual: KM, GM	Discard any RTE food handled with bare hands, Review handwashing methods	Visual: KM, GM	None

# **Sushi Rice Flow Chart**



\*Identifies a critical control point.

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# **Food Employee Reporting Agreement**

The purpose of this agreement is to inform conditional employees or Food Employees of their responsibility to notify the Person in Charge when they experience any of the conditions listed so that the Person in Charge can take appropriate steps to preclude the transmission of foodborne illness.

I AGREE TO REPORT TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE any onset of the following symptoms, either while at work or outside of work, including the date of onset:

#### **SYMPTOMS**

- 1. Diarrhea
- 2. Vomiting
- 3. Jaundice
- 4. Sore throat with fever (Or any combination of fever, coughing and shortness of breath)
- 5. Infected cuts, wounds or lesions containing pus on the hand, wrist, or an exposed body part or other body part and the cuts, wounds, or lesions are not properly covered (such as boils and infected wounds, however small)

#### **MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS of BEING ILL WITH:**

Whenever diagnosed as being ill with Norovirus, shiga toxin-producing E. coli, *Salmonella* Typhi (typhoid fever), *Shigella spp.*, non-typhoidal *Salmonella*, and Hepatitis A, as well as other diseases that may be transmitted through food per 105 CMR 300.000.

#### PAST MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASES LISTED ABOVE:

Have you ever been diagnosed as being ill with one of the diseases listed above?	
If you have, what was the date of the diagnosis?	

#### HIGH-RISK CONDITIONS

- 1. Exposure to or suspicion of causing any confirmed outbreak of the diseases listed above.
- 2. A household member has been diagnosed with the diseases listed above
- 3. A household member attending or working in a setting experiencing a confirmed outbreak of the diseases listed above.

I have read (or had explained to me) and understand the requirements concerning my responsibilities under 105 CMR 590/2013 Food Code and this agreement to comply with the reporting requirements specified above involving symptoms, diagnoses, and high-risk conditions specified. I also understand that should I experience one of the above symptoms or high-risk conditions, or should I be diagnosed with one of the above illnesses, I may be asked to change my job or to stop working altogether until such symptoms or illnesses have resolved.

I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this agreement could lead to action by the food establishment or the food regulatory authority that may jeopardize my employment and may involve legal action against me.

Applicant or Food Employee Name (please print)	
Signature of Applicant or Food Employee	Date
Signature of Permit Holder or Representative	



## HACCP for Acidification of Sushi Rice

#### Corrective Action Plan

If greater than 4.3 (within 1-2 hours of testing), add six ounces of Mizkan vinegar and retest pH levels. If >4.6 after 2 hours of preparation/mixing, discard rice.

If pH levels are consistently elevated, recipe will be modified and pH levels will be reevaluated at a certified food laboratory.

The sushi chef will verify proper use of the pH meter as well. In addition, the general manager will review recipe with sushi chefs to correct any discrepancies between recipe and actual process.

Manager will also calibrate pH meter, if not calibrated, pH meter will be repaired or replaced and sushi chef will use pH test strips until have working pH meter.



# ServSafe ® CERTIFICATION

# SHINJI MURAKI

for successfully completing the standards set forth for the ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification Examination, which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)—Conference for Food Protection (CFP).

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Sherman Brown

Executive Vice President, National Restaurant Association Solutions



In accordance with Maritime Labour Convention 2006, Resolution ADM N 068-2013 (Regulation 3.2, Standard A3.2).

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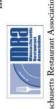
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Date of Completion: 211/2021

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Massachusetts Restaurant Association 333 Turnpike Road, Suite 102 Southborough, MA 01772 508-303-9905

This certificate will be valid for free (5) years from date of completion.

for completing an allergen awareness training program recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health The above-named person is hereby issued this certificate

in accordance with 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(a).

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## **Employee Training**

- 1. The GM/KM will be trained in the proper use of the pH meter and pH paper.
- 2. The GM/KM will be trained in how to properly use the pH log.
- 3. The GM/KM will be trained in proper preparation of the sushi rice recipe with emphasis on the precise and consistent measurement of the ingredients.
- 4. See Employee Personal Hygiene Statement and Food Safety Training Part I, II, and III for other training.
- 5. All employees will be trained in proper cleaning and sanitizing of equipment, utensils and the physical facilities by the GM/KM.
- 6. All employees will be trained in the proper procedures for preventing cross-contamination in the kitchen. See: Training to Prevent Cross-Contamination.
- 7. Any new employees involved in the preparation of sushi will be trained by the GM/KM.
- 8. There will be a certified PIC to oversee the sushi production at all times of operation.

#### **Training to Prevent Cross-Contamination**

- 1. All food contact surfaces including all knives, cutting boards and utensils will be cleaned and sanitized before use, at least every four hours when in continuous use and after any interruption in the processing. Separate mats will be used for raw and RTE sushirolls.
- 2. Cross-contamination between assembly of raw and RTE sushi rolls will be prevented by either the use of color coded cutting boards or physical separation of cutting boards and utensils to be used with products.
- 3. All raw fish to be used will be stored below all RTE foods in low profile refrigerator.
- 4. Employees will wash hands and change gloves between handling sushi rolls containing raw fish and those that do not.

#### **PIC Signature Page**

I have read and understand HACCP plan for sushi rice and pH testing and will monitor and verify that the above is being followed by me and those employees involved. This policy will be reviewed (and modified if necessary) and employees will be re-trained on an annual basis. Signature Date Print Name **Annual Policy Review** Signature Date Print Name Signature Date Print Name Signature Date Print Name Signature Date

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#### Sushi Rice Recipe

#### **Vinegar Mixture(Sushi Sauce):**

1.25 cups Mizkan(Suehiro) grain flavored distilled vinegar, 4.2% acidity 6 ounces of Sugar 2 ounces of Salt

Rice: (Yields approximately 24 cups of cooked sushi rice) 8 cups of Sekka(US No. 1Extra fancy premium grade) rice 8 3/4 cups of water

#### **Pre-Preparation:**

- o Assemble all ingredients and equipment.
- o Combine all ingredients for vinegar mixture.
- Wash rice and drain in cold water until the water runs clear.

#### **Rice Preparation:**

- 1. Place strained rice into the rice cooker and pour 8 3/4 cups of water over rice. Cover and cook in rice cooker for 45 minutes.
- 2. Wash hands, don gloves
- Remove cooked rice after 10 minutes from the rice cooker and transfer to the Hangiri-A, flat bottom wooden tub, spread evenly. Mix with the Sushi Sauce vinegar mixture gently while fanning.

#### Test for pH levels.

Target pH	Time of testing
4.1	Initial Testing (within 1 hour of
	mixing)
4.3	Between 1-2 hours of mixing
<4.6 (<4.3 if using pH paper) *Critical Limit	After 2 hours of mixing

4. Rice is kept in covered Zojirushi Warmer for up to 4 hours and discarded after 4 hours.

#### **Sushi Roll Preparation:**

- Wash hands
- o Wrap bamboo mat with plastic wrap
- o Put on gloves
- o Put sushi rice on seaweed, place ingredients, and roll.
- o Cut the sushi
- o Keep raw and cooked sushi products separate.
- o Change gloves and wash hands between handling raw and cooked sushi products
- o Wipe all surfaces with 50-100 ppm chlorine sanitizing solution
- Change the plastic wrap a maximum of every two hours or sooner if punctured or deteriorated.



Client:

Sushi Kappo Toraya Restaurant

795 Massachusetts Avenue Arlington, MA 02476

Client Contact: Shinji Muraki

Sample Description: Sushi Rice from Toraya Restaurant

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Sushi Rice 10/4/2021

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To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is a true and accurate statement.

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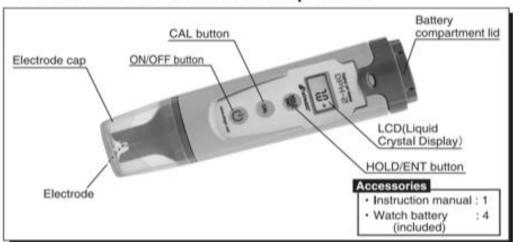
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DPH-2

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- Before using the DPH-2, read this instruction manual and fully understand the function and operation of each part.
- Perform the necessary operations according to this instruction manual.
- When carrying the unit, be careful not to subject the instrument to any strong shock or impact.
   Do not drop the instrument.
- ATAGO shall not be held responsible for any or all damages that may result from using the instrument for those other than its intended purpose (measurement of pH level of a liquid sample).
- If use of this unit has undesired effects on the consumption of the measured materials, etc., ATAGO shall not be liable for the result.

#### 1. Names of Functions and Components



#### =2. Before First Use

- •The most common cause for irregular measurement values is a dry electrode. If the electrode of the DPH-2 is new or has not been used for a few days, submerge the electrode in tap water for 15-30 minutes before use. Keep the unit turned off while submerged, and never soak it in deionized water.
- Electrolytes may form as white crystals around the sensor or inside the electrode cap. This
  is normal and does not affect the unit's performance.

#### 3. Measuring a Sample

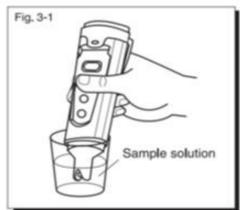
#### ▲ Caution

Use tap water when cleaning the electrode. Do not use deionized water.

Never use alcohol to clean the electrode. Alcohol will damage the electrode.

- DRemove the electrode cap and press the ON/OFF button on the keypad to turn on the DPH-2.
- 2Dip the electrode about 2-3cm into the sample solution (Fig 3-1).
- The measured value will be displayed. Stir the sample to stabilize the readings (about 2 minutes). Press the HOLD/ENT button to hold the reading. In this hold mode, [HO] will display and "pH" will flash to the right of the measurement value (Fig. 3-2). Press the HOLD/ENT button again to resume the normal measuring mode.
- ARinse the electrode with tap water for the next measurement (Fig. 3-3).
- (5) When measurements are completed, press the ON/OFF button to turn off the instrument. If not used, the instrument will automatically
- 6)When measuring is complete, clean the electrode with tap water and dry before replacing the electrode cap to store the instrument.

shut off in 7 minutes to conserve batteries.







### 4. Error Messages



Old batteries→Replace with new batteries.



Wrong or bad buffer value→Make sure the buffer is correct. The sensor is failing→ Check the sensor.





The electrode is not in contact with the sample solution

- Out-of-range signal -Make sure the measured sample is within the measuring range.
  - +Make sure the electrode is in contact with the sample solution.

#### 5. Calibration •

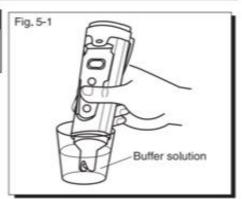
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Use tap water when cleaning the electrode. Do not use deionized water. Never use alcohol to clean the electrode, Alcohol will damage the electrode,

- Perform calibration when the instrument has not been used for a long period of time (as instructed below). If the measured value is questionable, calibrate the instrument.
- Perform a 3 point calibration (pH 4.0, pH 7.0, pH 10.0). However, in the case where the measured value of the sample is over pH 7.1, use pH 7.0 and pH 10.0 for calibration points. In the case where the measured value of the sample is under pH 7.0, pH 4.0 and pH 7.0 calibration is sufficient.



- ①Remove the electrode cap and press the ON/OFF button on the keypad to turn on the DPH-2.
- ②Dip the electrode about 2-3cm into the pH 7.0 buffer solution (Fig. 5-1).
- (3) The display will show near 7.0. Wait approximately 2 minutes.
- Press the CAL button. [CAL] will flash momentarily and then show a flashing measured value (near 7.0) (Fig. 5-2). [ENT] will automatically display 15-30 seconds after the flashing starts. Once the calibration value is displayed, the calibration process is complete.
- ⑤Be sure to clean the electrode with tap water for the next calibration test (Fig. 3-3). Be sure to wipe off the electrode.
- 6)Follow these instructions when it is needed to calibrate with other pH buffers.

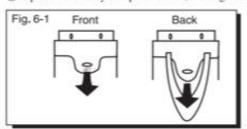


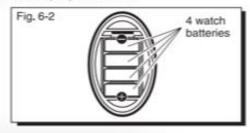


- XTo abort calibration (step(4)), press the CAL button while either [CAL] or the measurement value is flashing.
- Calibration can also be performed by pressing the HOLD/ENT button to display [ENT]. Once the calibration value is displayed, the calibration process is complete.

#### 6. Battery Replacement

- Thift the locking clip on the front side of the battery compartment lid towards you until it is free. Next, lift the clip on the back side in the same way to remove the lid completely (Fig. 6-1).
- (2) As shown in Fig. 6-2, four watch batteries are included with the unit at the time of purchase.
- 3)When replacing new batteries, insert them in the same manner as shown in Fig. 6-2.
- Replace the battery compartment lid, making sure the locking clips are secured.





#### =7. Advice in Use =

- (1) The measurement value may vary slightly, especially when measuring solutions with values near pH7.0. If the measurement value is different from the expected value, submerge the unit in the solution for a few minutes and take a measurement once the reading is stable. Generally the recommendation is to take a measurement after submerging the unit in a solution for 2 minutes.
- (2) When measuring samples such as strong acids and high alkaline, take a quick measurement and rinse off any remaining sample with distilled water.
- (3) To restore to factory default settings, perform the following steps. Carry out these steps if an error has been made in calibration.
  - 1 Hold ON/OFF button down while pressing HOLD/ENT button.
  - ②Once [rSt] is displayed and starts flashing, press HOLD/ENT button again. This will restore the factory default settings. To abort resetting, press CAL button while [rSt] is flashing, and then [ESC] will be displayed.
- (4) For accurate measurements, performing calibration with buffer solutions is recommended. Use pH4.0, 7.0, and 10.0 buffer solutions for DPH-2. Other buffer solutions, such as pH6.9, 7.1, or 9.2, cannot be used. Perform calibration approximately once every two to four weeks, and after changing the batteries.

#### 8. DPH-2 Specifications

Measurement range : 0.0 to 14.0pH

Minimum indication : 0.1pH Measurement accuracy: ±0.1pH

Temperature correction range: 0 to 50 °C (Automatic Temperature Compensation)

Calibration : 3-point (4.0, 7.0 and 10.0)

Power supply : watch battery (LR44) 1.5V×4

Dimensions and weight : 4.5×3.0×16.3cm, 90g



Tel.: (+34) 902 11 79 29

Web: www.infoagro.com/instrumental

#### Sushi Fish List for Toraya

Seafood Item	Purveyor	How Received (Fresh/Frozen)	Parasite Hazard
Striped bass	TrueWorld Foods	Fresh	No, farm raised
Tile Fish	TrueWorld Foods	Fresh	No
Tuna	TrueWorld Foods	Fresh	No
Yellowtail	New England Mutual	Frozen	No
Salmon	TrueWorld Foods	Fresh	No, farm raised
Squid	TrueWorld Foods	Frozen	No
Salmon Roe	TrueWorld Foods	Frozen	No, farm raised
Sea Urchin	TrueWorld Foods	Fresh	No
Smoked salmon	TrueWorld Foods	Frozen	No, farm raised

Reference: U.S. Food & Drug Administration Center for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition FISH AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS HAZARDS AND CONTROLS GUIDANCE: Fourth Edition April 2011



#### The Control of Parasites

August 18, 2021

TORAYA 795 MASS AVE ARLINGTON, MA 02476

The FDA states that parasites consumed in uncooked or undercooked seafood can present a human health hazard. It is recommended to control this hazard by freezing fish at –4 degrees Fahrenheit or below for 7 days or at –31 degrees Fahrenheit or below for 15 hours to kill the parasites. We certify that the frozen fish we provide you have been frozen according to these requirements.

The FDA recognizes that not every type of raw fish poses a parasite hazard. A table of species and associated hazards is published in the FDA's Fish and Fisheries Products Hazards & Control Guide. The species, which are commonly used in sushi and which do not pose a parasite hazard are the bluefin, yellowfin, and bigeye tunas, yellowtail, tilefish, various other fish species, and most types of farm-raised fish (that are fed formulated feed). We carry a variety of farm-raised fish, which includes salmon, hybrid bass, halibut, turbot, bronzini, dorade, and Korean hirame (fluke). We certify that the aqua-cultured fish we provide you are raised in open ocean water net pens or land based operations. If raised in land based freshwater bodies, controls exist to exclude parasites, particularly those that may enter through the skin such as trematodes. We also certify that the fish feed used is either frozen or heat-treated and does not contain live parasites.

Sincerely, Tamotsu Yonetani Quality Assurance

22 Foodmart Road, Boston, MA 02118, Phone (617) 269-9988; Fax 617-269-8342

Email: david-st@trueworldfoods.com



#### NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL TRADING INC.

460 Totten Pond Rd, Unit 220 Waltham, MA 02451 (617)-469-8312

09/1/2021

SUSHI KAPPO TORAYA 795 MASSACHUSETTS AVE ARLINGTON, MA 02476

#### CERTIFICATE OF HACCP COMPLIANCE

All the food products handled by New York Mutual Trading are handled in adherence to the Code of Federal Regulations "CFR" title 21, part 123, "Procedures for the Safe and Sanitary Processing and Importing of Fish and Fishery Products," commonly referred to as the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations established by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Personnel with appropriate training in HACCP principles have implemented safe handling practices and sanitary conditions using the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) program.

All our suppliers of frozen seafood products are in compliance with the HACCP. The frozen seafood products have been preserved in a freezer at the temperature of -20C(-4F) for more than seven days, a hundred sixty-eight hours in total at the vendor's processing plant prior to New York Mutual Trading's receipt.

Please feel free to call the above number if any further information is required. Sincerely,

Takashi Nakaarai Purchasing Senior Manager









NYMTC is GDP, GMP, & HACCP Certified

# HACCP for Acidification of Sushi Rice

## Glossary

**CCP: Critical Control Point** 

GM: General Manager

HACCP: Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point

KM: Kitchen Manager

PIC: Person in Charge

RTE: Ready-To-Eat

TCS: Time/Temperature Control for Safety Foods

# Daily pHT est Results

# Sushi Rice pH Levels

<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>	

		Time Rice Tested for	Calibr pH L					
Date	Time Rice Prepared	рН	4	7	Rice pH Level	Corrective Actions	Employee Initials	Manager Initials
<b>EXAMPLE:</b> 10/5/07	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	4	7	4.8	Added 1 Cup More vinegar	CJ	LB
10/5/07	10:30 AM	11:15 AM	4	7	4.1	N/A	CJ	LB

# Annual pH Test Results/HACCP Review

#### HACCP for Acidification of Sushi Rice



Client:

Sushi Kappo Toraya Restaurant

795 Massachusetts Avenue

Arlington, MA 02476

Client Contact: Shinji Muraki

Sample Description: Sushi Rice from Toraya Restaurant

Date Sampled: 10/4/2021 Date Received: 10/4/2021 Date Analyzed: 10/4/2021

Sampler:

S. Muraki

Courier: Analyst: S. Muraki G. Cona

Sample Description:

pH:

Sushi Rice 10/4/2021

3.86

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is a true and accurate statement.

Authorized By:

Meter Slope: 97.7 (4.00, 7.03, 10.05)

Public Health Consultants • Food & Water Analysis • Integrated Pest Management P.O. Box 268
Marshfield, Massachusetts 02050-0268 (781) 837-1395

## HACCP for Acidification of Sushi Rice

# Corrective Action Logs



# **Corrective Action log**

Immediate corrective action is required any time there is a deviation in the requirements set forth in this HACCP plan or a "Critical Limit" identified on the HACCP plan Flow Chart is not met.

Use this log to record the cause for corrective action, those responsible, the date of the incident, and the specifics of the corrective action.

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## HACCP for Acidification of Sushi Rice

# **Refrigeration Logs**

# **Refrigerator Logs**

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# Town of Arlington Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Board of Health

27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

#### Memo

To: Board of Health Members

From: Annette Curbow, Health Compliance Officer

Date: October 8, 2021

RE: Permit to Operate a Body Art Establishment – 458 Massachusetts Ave

Ismini Vocas submitted an Application for a Permit to Operate a Body Art Establishment on September 1, 2021 for Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop. The proposed location of the facility is 458 Massachusetts Ave. The permit sought is for tattoo operations. The application was reviewed in accordance with the Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners. Upon initial review, it was determined that additional information was required and subsequently requested. Additional information was received on September 20, 2021. It appears the application is complete, insofar as it contains the required elements.

Included in this packet are the following materials for the Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop Establishment Application.

- 1. Cover Letter
- 2. Application Form
- 3. Acknowledgement of Reciept of Governing Regulations
- 4. Lease Intention
- 5. Floor Plan
- 6. Body Art Disclosure Statement
- 7. Tattoo Aftercare Instructions
- 8. Customer Consent Form
- 9. Exposure Control Plan
- 10. Exposure Incident Form
- 11. Injury and/or Complications Report Form
- 12. Policy on Infection Control
- 13. Procedures for Decontaminating and Disinfecting Environmental Surfaces
- 14. Emergency Response Plan

Kylee Sullivan

September 1, 2021

Health Compliance Officer

Town of Arlington

Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Board of Health

27 Maple Street

Arlington, Ma 02476

#### Dear Ms. Sullivan:

I would like to thank you and all that gave me the opportunity to work in the Town of Arlington as a tattoo artist. It is greatly appreciated and thank you.

This letter is a request to be part of the Board of Health Meeting on September 13, 2021, for a Permit to Operate a Body Art Establishment

As you know, I work at InkJam Tattoo Studio 12 Park Ave Arlington as a Licensed/Permit Tattoo Practitioner Artist (subcontractor). My business name is/has been, Ink by Mina, in order to collect payments via credit/debit cards therefore had to obtain a name and business bank account. A percentage of each artwork done by me at 12 Park Ave Arlington goes to the owner for the use of space, and I pay for all my supplies. My tattoo artwork only gets advertised and posted on my own personal social medias, which I would love to change it from personal to business with the faith and help of the Town of Arlington.

My life has been all about art in many forms. Arlington is known for art, culture, and history which I love and admire. I see/consider my tattoos as a piece of art and not just a tattoo. It will be a pleasure to own my own business in the town of Arlington to show my artwork and what I have to offer.

Immediate request to be part of the Board Meeting on September 13, 2021, is because I have found a location for the shop and there is a time pending.

The unit location is at 458 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474, the owner of the property is Ted Poulos.

#### Attached you will find:

- 1. Letter from Charles River Properties signed by Charles A. O'Neill
- 2. Application for a Permit to Operate a Body Art Establishment
- 3. Floor Plan to scale of establishment indicating location of all required equipment

- 4. Copy of Consent form to be signed by each client
- 5. Copy of the Establishment Exposure Control Plan
- 6. Copy of the Exposure report Form
- 7. Copy of Aftercare instructions to be given to each client.

All-in-all, I have read, and understand, and agree to follow all rules and regulations specified in The Town of Arlington Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Body Art Practitioners. I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Ismini Vocas

(339) 223-3602



# Town of Arlington Department of Health and Human Services

#### Office of the Board of Health 27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

## APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE A BODY ART ESTABLISHMENT

Name of Establishment INK by MinaTaTloo Shop Telephone 339 223-3602
Address 458 Mass Are Arunton Hours of Operation 12-8 T-F 12-5 Sun   Sat
Manager's Name SMINI VOCAS Emergency Phone 334 2233602.
Please list all body art practitioners who will practice at this establishment 15 min 100 ms.
Name & telephone number of laboratory that will perform monthly spore destruction tests   N   H
Will be using Disposible Supplies.
Name and telephone number of contaminated waste disposal contractor
Stericycle (866)-783-7422
List the following: manufacturer, model number, model year, and serial number of autoclaves
Please submit the following with this application:  • \$1000 fee made payable to the Town of Arlington  • Floor plan to scale of establishment indicating location of all required equipment  • Copy of the disclosure statement describing body art procedures to be given to all clients  • Copy of consent form to be signed by each client  • Copy of the establishment exposure control plan  • Copy of the exposure report form  • Copy of aftercare instructions to be given to each client
I received, read, understand, and agree to follow all rules and regulations specified in the <b>Town of Arlington</b> Board Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners.
Signature Date 8   13   2

## Acknowledgement of Receipt of Governing Regulations Relative to Body Art, Body Piercing, and Body Tattooing

To Whom it May Concern,

September 2, 2021

I, 15 MINI VOCAS, as an applicant for Body Art Establishment and Body Art Tattoo Practice from the Town of Arlington, Board of Health, hereby confirm that I have read and understand the Arlington Board of Health Regulations relative to Body Art Establishment, Body Art, Body Piercing, and Body Tattooing.

Further, I agree to adhere to all regulations regarding Body Art Establishment, Body Art, Body Piercing, and Body Tattooing. I further understand the violations of the regulations may be cause for administrative action by the Board of Health which may include, but not be limited to, the imposition of fines, and/or revocation or suspension of my permit to conduct Body Art/Work and Body Establishment in the Town of Arlington Ma.

Signature of Applicant

Date: 9-2-2021

On this 2nd day of 2021, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared 15 mini 1000, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were not to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document in my presence.

(official signature and seal of notary)

ARIEL E. YOUNGBLOOD
Notary Public
Massachusetts
My Commission Expires
Nov 6, 2026



August 12, 2021

Ms. Ismini Vocas

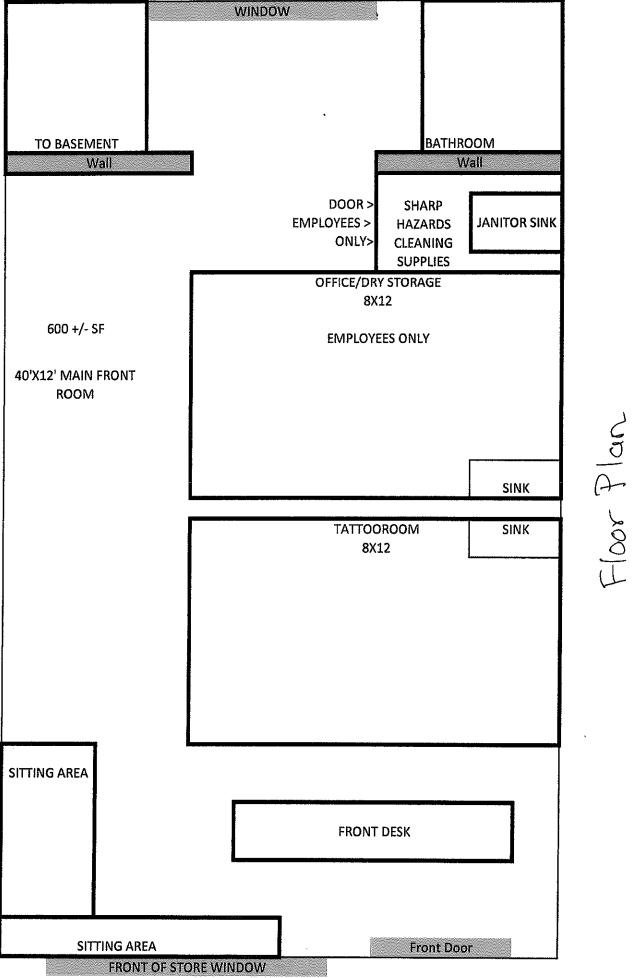


Dear Mina:

Ted Poulos has authorized me to confirm that we will consider leasing 458 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington to you for a period of no less than three years commencing October 1, 2021, subject to execution of a lease on mutually satisfactory terms and conditions.

Singerely,

Charles A. O'Neill



458 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 (339)223-3602

## **BODY ART DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This statement is to be given to all body art clients prior to performing any body art procedures as with any invasive procedure, tattooing may involve health risks.

## **Tattoo Disclosure Statement**

#### These risks may include the to the following:

- 1. Pain, bleeding, swelling, infection, scarring of the area and nerve damage.
- 2. Unsterile equipment and needles can spread infectious diseases. It is extremely important to be sure that all equipment is clean and sanitary before use.
- 3. Tattoos and permanent makeup are not easily removed and, in some cases, may cause permanent discoloration. Also, everyone's skin is different in color, elasticity, and so on therefore: your tattoo may not look like what you have expected. Think carefully before getting a tattoo.
- 4. The ink and dyes used for tattooing are color additives. Currently no color additives have been approved by the FDA for tattoos, including those used in permanent makes.
- 5. Blood donations can not be made for one year after getting a tattoo or permanent makeup.

## Health History and informed consent

The following conditions may increase health risks associated with receiving body art.

- 1. Diabetes
- 2. Hemophilia (Bleeding)
- 3. History of allergies, lesions, or sick sensitivities to soap, disinfectants, etc.
- 4. History of epilepsy, seizures, fainting, or narcolepsy.
- 5. Use of medications such as anticoagulants (Coumadin and Aspirin) which thins the blood and/or interfere with blood clotting.
- 6. Hepatitis or HIV/AIDS
- 7. History of or suspicion of adverse reaction to latex or products containing latex.

## **Procedure For Filling A Complaint**

If there is any injury, is	nfection, complication, or	r disease as a result of	f a body art procedure	notify this
establishment, and The To	own of Arlington Board of	f Health. 27 Maple St, Aı	rlington, Ma 02476 (781	)316-3170
Print Name:		D	ate:	
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458 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 (339)223-3602

## TATTOO AFTERCARE INSTRUCTION

We are a professional tattoo shop that always uses sterilized instruments and pigments.

Treat your tattoo as an open wound. Keep it CLEAN! Do NOT touch your tattoo with dirty hands! Before cleaning your tattoo clean your hands thoroughly with warm water and soap.

#### Step 1

One hour after your tattoo procedure, carefully remove the bandage, gauze, and tape. Do NOT rip off! If gauze, bandage, and tape sticks, use warm water to remove it.

#### Step 2

Clean the area using only a mild fragrance-free antibacterial soap (Dial) and warm water, and do NOT use any other soaps or washes that has fragrance which may cause irritation, swelling, and infections. The area will be tender, but it is very important that you gently clean it very well, removing any dry blood and fluids. DO NOT SCRUB

### Step 3

Once clean, PAT dry with a clean towel. DO NOT SCRUB. Let the tattoo air dry for 5 to 10 minutes allowing the pores to close. Add a very small amount of Antibacterial Ointment (Bacitracin, Neosporin)/or Aquaphor Ointment to the tattoo gently massaging the ointment until it absorbs into the skin. To much ointment will delay the healing process. You want your tattoo to breathe when healing. DO NOT cover that tattoo with any form of bandage, gauze, or tape. The tattoo needs to breath in order to heal properly and timely.

### Step 4

Repeat the cleaning/ointment process 3 times a day for the next 7 to 14 days or until the tattoo settles into the skin (approx. 3 weeks). Full healing takes up to 4 weeks depending on the tattoo and some peoples skin may take longer. You may continue the cleaning process for the full 4 weeks of the complete healing process if desired.

### Step 5

Your tattoo may get itchy during the healing process (normal) DON'T scratch your tattoo. Slap/tap it or wash it again with warm water then add the ointment. Scratching can cause scaring, infections, longer healing process, and removing of ink that causes you tattoo to have

white spots. You will see some flaking (normal) do NOT pick the flakes. Picking the flakes can cause scaring, infections, longer healing process, and removing of ink that causes you tattoo to have white spots. Let the flakes fall off on its own.

#### Step 6

Avoid sunbathing (sunburn), salt, chlorinated pool water, hot tubs, saunas, and steam baths for 2 weeks while your tattoo is healing. Avoid and public places like gyms, swimming pools, restrooms, hotels etc. which could/may cause your tattoo to have a serious infection. Showering is ok!

Congratulations on your new tattoo! By following these simple instructions, the healing process should be quick and easy.

#### First Night/Day

On your first night, there is a chance your tattoo will still bleed. The blood can dry overnight and stick to your clothes or bedding. If this happens, gently take the fabric off. DO NOT force it off or be rough with it. If it still does not come off, wet the area with lukewarm water and gently slide it off.

Fresh tattoos sometimes "weep" during the first couple of days, meaning that plasma and ink form a thin moist coating on the skin. This can be dabbed with a clean paper towel. Press the paper towel to the skin and remove. Do not wipe the tattoo or be rough with it, do not panic when you see the colors of the tattoo on the paper towel, or on your hands as you clean it. This is simply excess ink being secreted from the surface or the skin. To avoid stains, use towels and bedsheets with darker tones and wear dark clothing.

#### CONSULT YOUR ARTIST AND A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR:

- 1. Unexpected redness, tenderness or swelling at the site of body art procedure
- 2. Any rash
- 3. Unexpected Drainage at or from the site of the body art procedure.
- 4. A fever within 48 hours of the body art procedure

#### **COMPLAINTS MAY BE FILED WITH:**

### Arlington Board of Health

27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA 02476 (781) 316-3170

## Massachusetts Department of Public Health

(617) 983-6800

458 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 (339)223-3602

## CONSENT TO APPLICATION OF BODY ART PROCEDURE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIM

Please INITIAL each item:
I acknowledge/agree that I have been given the full opportunity to ask any and all questions about the application of my tattoo from Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop and the Artist preforming the tattoo and that all my questions have been answered to my fullest and total satisfaction.
I acknowledge/agree that I have had a complete and satisfactory pre-procedural consultation prior to any body art procedure and the health risks associated with it.
I acknowledge/agree that I am not under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and I feel well today.
I acknowledge/agree I do not suffer from or have history of hemophilia (bleeding) and/or I have consulted with my physician prior to receiving any tattoos.
I acknowledge/agree I do not suffer from or have history of any skin disease, lesions, or sensitivities to any soaps, ointments, or disinfectants.
I acknowledge/agree I do not suffer from or have history of allergies or adverse reactions to pigments, dyes, latex, or other sensitivities.
I acknowledge/agree that I am not using/or used any form of numbing agent prior to my tattoo procedure.
I acknowledge/agree I do not suffer from or have history of epilepsy, seizures, narcolepsy, or fainting.
I acknowledge/agree that I am not using medications such as anticoagulants (blood thinner) or interfere with clotting.
$\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ I acknowledge/agree that I am free of communicable diseases such as Hepatitis and/ or $\overline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ HIV/AIDS.
I acknowledge/agree that I do not have any other medical conditions or skin conditions that may interfere with the application or healing of the tattoo.
I acknowledge/agree that I am not the recipient of an organ or bone marrow transplant, or if, I am, have taken the prescribed preventative regimen of antibiotic that is required by my physician in advance of this tattoo
I acknowledge/agree that I am not pregnant or nursing.
I acknowledge/understand receipt of written Body Art Disclosures.
I acknowledge/understand Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop have given me aftercare written instructions on the proper care of my tattoo while its healing.

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## **EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN**

## **Policy**

Ismini Vocas owner of Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop is committed to providing a safe and healthful work environment for our entire staff. In pursuit of this endeavor, the following exposure control plan (ECP) is provided to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens in accordance with OSHA standard 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.1030, Occupational Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens.

## **Program Administration**

Ismini Vocas is responsible for the implementing of the ECP and will maintain, review, and update the ECP annually, and whenever necessary to include new modified tasks and procedures.

Those employees who are determined to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) must comply with the procedures and work practices outlined in this ECP.

Ismini Vocas will maintain and provide all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), engineering controls (e.g., sharp containers), labels, red bags as required by the standard, and will ensure that adequate supplies of the aforementioned equipment are available in the appropriate sizes.

Ismini Vocas will be responsible for ensuring that all medical actions required are performed and that appropriate employee health and OSHA records are maintained.

Ismini Vocas will be responsible for training, documentation of training, and making the written ECP available to employees, Town of Arlington Board of Health Department, OSHA, and NIOSH representatives.

The ECP is a key document to assist my firm/business in implementing and ensuring compliance with the standard, hereby protecting our employees.

#### The ECP includes:

- 1. Determination of employee exposure
- 2. Implementing of various methods of exposure control; including
  - a. Universal precautions
  - b. Engineering and work practice controls
  - c. Personal protective equipment
  - d. Housekeeping
  - e. Hepatitis B vaccination
  - f. Post-exposure evaluation and follow-up
  - g. Communication of hazards to employees and training
  - h. Procedures for evaluating circumstances surrounding an exposure incident

## **Employee Exposure Determination**

The following is a list of all job classifications at my tattoo shop in which all employees have occupational exposure:

Tattooist
Piercer (N/A)
Apprentice (N/A)
Other
The following is a list of job classification in which some employee at my tattoo shop has
occupational exposure. Included is a list of tasks and procedures, or groups of closely related
tasks and procedures, in which occupational exposure may occur for these individuals:

Receptionist: ( ) Janitorial duties ( ) Handling regulated waste ( ) First Aid
Janitor: ( ) Janitorial duties ( ) Handling regulated waste ( ) First Aid
Counter Help: ( ) Janitorial duties ( ) Handling regulated waste ( ) First Aid
Other

## **Methods of Implementation and Control**

#### **Universal Precautions**

➤ All employees will utilize universal precautions

### Exposure Control Plan

- ➤ Employees covered by the Bloodborne Pathogens standard (American Red Cross Training Services) receive an explanation of this ECP during their initial training session. It will also be reviewed in their annual refresher training. All employees have an opportunity to review this plan at any time during their work shifts by contacting Ismini Vocas (owner) at 339-223-3602.
- ➤ If requested, I will provide an employee with another copy of the ECP free of charge within 15 days of the request.
- ➤ Ismini Vocas (owner) is responsible for reviewing and updating the ECP annually or more frequently if necessary to reflect any new or modified tasks and procedures which affect occupational exposure.

## **Engineering Controls and Work Practices**

Engineering Controls and Work Practice controls will be used to prevent or minimize exposure to bloodborne pathogens. The specific engineering controls and work practice controls used are:

- 1. Disposable gloves are worn during procedures.
- 2. Hands are washed anytime gloves are to be worn or changed
- 3. Sharpie containers are located below work surfaces/ station

- 4. Sharpie containers are located so contaminated instruments and sharps do not cross over work surfaces
- 5. Disposable tattoo tubes and/or grip combinations are used
- 6. Tattoo needles and/or bar combinations are not broken after use
- 7. Disposable razor handles are not broken after use (creating a sharp)
- 8. Disposable razors are placed in sharps containers after use
- 9. Face shields are used when instruments are cleaned
- 10. Goggles and masks are used when instruments are cleaned
- 11. Heavy duty gloves are worn when instruments are cleaned.
- 12. Contaminated equipment is placed in transport containers when it is taken to the biohazard room.

Sharps disposal containers are inspected and maintained or replaced by Ismini Vocas every week or whenever necessary to prevent overfilling.

This facility identifies the need for changes in engineering control and work practices through:

- > Review of OSHA records
- > Review of OSHA website
- > Review of industry publications
- Consultation
- > Training at safety conference or seminars
- ➤ Review of Center for Disease Control website and literature
- ➤ Health Department Suggestions
- > Employee suggestions
- > Other:

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> Employee Suggestions
Both frontline works and management officials are involved in this process through
> monthly meetings.
> Regular schedule meetings
> Accident reviews
> Other:
Ismini Vocas will ensure effective implementation of these recommendations.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided to all my employees at no cost to them.
Training is provided by Ismini Vocas in the use of the appropriate PPE for the tasks or
procedures employees will perform.
The types of PPE available to employees are:
1. Disposable gloves
2. Face masks
3. Heavy duty gloves for cleaning
4. Mask with eye shield
5. Disposable aprons
a. Splash barrier
b. Other
Specify how employees are to obtain PPE, and who is responsible for ensuring that it is available.
Personal protective equipment can be found in appropriate cabinet stored in original packaging
only with dry goods used in a tattoo procedure.
Personal protective equipment may be obtained through Ismini Vocas (owner).
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> Health department suggestions.

## All Employees Using PPE Must Observe the Following Precautions

- 1. Wash hands immediately or soon as feasible after removal of gloves or other PPE
- 2. Remove PPE after it becomes contaminated, and before leaving the work area
- 3. Used PPE must be disposed of in appropriate marked bin. (Red bin marked with biohazard label)
- 4. Wear appropriate gloves when it can be reasonably anticipated that there may be hand contact with blood or OPIM, and when handling or touching contaminated items or surfaces
- 5. Replace gloves if torn, punctured, contaminated, or if their ability to function as a barrier is compromised.
- 6. Discard utility cleaning gloves if they show signs of cracking, peeling, tearing, punctured, or deterioration.
- 7. Never wash or decontaminate disposable gloves for reuse
- 8. Wear appropriate face and eye protection when splashes, sprays, splatters, or droplets of blood or OPIM pose a hazard to the eye, nose, mouth.
- 9. Remove immediately or as soon as feasible any garment contaminated by blood or OPIM, in such a way as to avoid contact with the outer surface.

The Procedure for decontaminating face shields is as follows:

> Face shields are disposable

The Procedure for decontaminating goggles is as follows:

> Goggles are disposable

The Procedures for decontaminating utility gloves is as followed:

> Utility gloves are disposable

The procedures for handling used PPE is as followed:

> Used PPE should be discarded in red bin appropriately marked for biohazardous disposal

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## Housekeeping

**Regulated waste** is placed in containers which are closable, constructed to contain all contents and prevent leakage, appropriately labeled or color-coded, and closed prior to removal to prevent spillage or protrusion of contents during handling.

#### Sharpie disposal containers

The procedure for handling sharps disposal containers is with gloved hands, close the lid of the sharps disposal container to prevent spilling the contents. Transport directly to area labeled for storage of biohazardous material in accordance with local body art regulations until scheduled pickup.

#### Other regular waste

The procedure for handling other regular wastes is with gloved hands, tie bag securely and transport directly to bin marked for other regulated waste.

## Contaminated sharps

Contaminated sharps are discarded immediately or as soon as possible in containers that are closable, punctured-resistant, leak proof on sides and bottom, and label or color-coded appropriately. Sharps disposal containers are located in each procedure area.

New sharps disposal containers are available in appropriate cabinet stored only with dry goods used in a tattoo procedure.

## Soiled Clothing

If an employee's clothing becomes contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious material the following procedure must be followed to reduce risk of cross contamination.

- ➤ Observe Universal Precautions when handling all soiled laundry: if universal precautions are not used when handling all soiled laundry:
  - o Potential contaminated laundry must be placed in color-coded (red) and labeled (bio-hazardous) containers.
- At a minimum all employees shall wear protective gloves, appropriate eye protection, and outer garments when handling contaminated laundry. Personal protective equipment will be considered appropriate only if it does not permit blood or other potentially infectious materials to pass through or reach the employee's work clothes, street clothes, undergarments, skin, eyes, mouth, or other mucous membranes under normal conditions of use and for the duration of the time which the protective equipment will be used.
- ➤ Handle contaminated laundry as little as possible and with minimum agitation
- > Containerize contaminated laundry at the location of use. The containers selected must prevent soak-through and/or leakage of fluids to the exterior.
- > Contaminated uniforms cannot be taken home for cleaning. Employees should contact Ismini Vocas so that arrangements can be made for laundering.

## Labels

The following label methods are used in this facility:

- 1. Sharps containers color and label type are red and with black/white label
- 2. Regular waste cans in procedure areas labeled type and color are red sticker on bin with red bag/black biohazard symbol

Ismini Vocas will ensure warning labels are affixed or red bags are used as required if regulated waste or contaminated equipment is brought into the facility.

Employees are to notify Ismini Vocas is they discover regulated waste containers, contaminated equipment, etc. without proper labels.

## **Hepatitis B Vaccination**

Ismini Vocas will provide information to employees on hepatitis B vaccinations, addressing the safety, benefits, efficiency, methods of administration, and availability.

The hepatitis B vaccination series is available at no cost after training and within 10 days of initial assignment to employees identified in the exposure determination section of this plan.

Vaccination is encouraged unless:

- > Documentation exists that the employee has previously received the series
- > Antibody testing reveals that the employee is immune or
- > Medical evaluation shows that vaccination is contraindicated

However, if an employee chooses to decline vaccination, the employee must sign declination form. Employees who decline may request and obtain the vaccination at a later date at no cost.

Documentation of refusal of the vaccination is kept in operations binder in the front desk. Vaccination will be provided by:

Minute Clinic, 222 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887

Walgreens, 15 Bolton Street, Reading, MA 01867

Following the medical evaluation, a copy of the health care professional's Written Opinion will be obtained and provided to the employee. It will be limited to whether the employee requires the hepatitis vaccine, and whether the vaccine was administered.

## Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-Up

Should an exposure incident occur, contact the Winchester Hospital at the following number: (781)729-9000

An immediately available confidential medical evaluation and follow-up will be conducted by the Winchester Hospital.

Following the first initial first aid (clean the wound, flush eyes, or other mucous membrane, etc.) the following activities will be performed.

> Document the routes of exposure and how the exposure occurred.

- ➤ Identify and document the source individual (unless the employer can establish that identification is infeasible or prohibited by state or local law).
- ➤ Obtain consent and make arrangements to have the source individual tested as soon as possible to determine HIV, HCV, and HBV infectivity; document that the source individual's test results were conveyed to the employee's health care provider.
- ➤ If the source induvial is already known to be HIV, HCV and/or HBV positive, new testing need not be performed.
- Assure that the exposed employee is provided with the source individual's test results and with information about applicable disclosure laws and regulations concerning the identity and infectious status of the source individual (e.g., laws protecting confidentiality).
- ➤ After obtaining consent, collect exposed employee's blood as soon as feasible after exposure incident, and test blood for HBV and HIV serological status
- ➤ If the employee does not give consent for HIV serological testing during collection of blood for baseline testing, preserve the baseline blood sample for at least 90 days:
- ➤ If the exposed employee elects to have the baseline sample tested during this waiting period, perform testing as soon as feasible.

## Administration of Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-Up

Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop ensures that health care professional(s) responsible for employee's hepatitis B vaccination and post-exposure evaluation and follow-up are given a copy of OSHA's bloodborne pathogens standard.

Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop ensures that the health care professional evaluating an employee after an exposure incident receives the following

- > A description of the employee's job duties relevant to the exposure incident
- > Route of exposure
- > Circumstances of exposure
- > If possible, results of the source individual's blood test

Relevant employee medical record, including vaccination status

Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop provides the employee with a copy of the evaluating health care professional's written opinion within 15 days after completion of the evaluation.

## Procedures for Evaluating the Circumstances Surrounding an Exposure Incident

Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop will review the circumstances of all exposure incidents to determine:

- > Engineering controls in use at the time
- > Work practices followed
- > A description of the device being used (including type and brand)
- > Protective equipment or clothing that was used at the time of exposure incident
- ➤ Location of incident
- > Procedure being performed when the incident occurred
- > Employee's training

Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop will record all percutaneous injuries from contaminated sharps in the sharp's injury log.

If it is determined that revisions need to be made, Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop will ensure that appropriate changes are made to this ECP. (Changes may include an evaluation of safer devises, adding employees to the exposure determination list, etc.).

## **Employee Training**

All employees who have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens receive training conducted by OSHA approved bloodborne pathogens course.

All employees who have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens receive training epidemiology, symptoms, and transmission of bloodborne pathogens diseases.

The training program covers, at a minimum, the following elements:

- > A copy and explanation of the standard
- > An explanation of My ECP and how to obtain a copy
- ➤ An explanation of methods to recognize tasks and other activities that may involve exposure to blood and OPIM, including what constitutes an exposure incident
- > An explanation of the use and limitations of engineering controls, work practices, and PPE
- ➤ An explanation of the types, uses, location, removal, handling, decontamination, and disposal of PPE
- > An explanation of the basis for PPE selection
- ➤ Information on Hepatitis B vaccine, including information on its efficacy, safety, method of administration, the benefits of be vaccinated, and that the vaccine will be offered free of charge.
- > Information on the appropriate actions to take and persons to contact in an emergency involving blood or OPIM.
- ➤ An explanation of the procedure to follow if an exposure incident occurs, including the method of reporting the incident and medical follow-up that will be made available.
- > Information on post-exposure evaluation and follow-up that employer is required to provide for the employee following an exposure incident.
- > An explanation of the signs and labels and/or color coding required by the standard and used at this facility
- > An opportunity for interactive questions and answers with the person conducting the training session.

Training material for this facility are available in the operations binder at the front desk.

## Recordkeeping

## **Training Records**

> Training records are completed for each employee upon completion of training.

- > These documents will be kept for at least three years in the operations binder at the front desk.
- > The training records include:
  - o The dates of training sessions
  - o The contents or a summary of the training sessions
  - o The names and qualifications of persons conducting the training
  - o The names and job titles of all persons attending the training sessions
- ➤ Employee training records are provided upon request to the employee or the employee's authorized representative within 15 working days. Such requests should be addressed to Ismini Vocas.

#### **Medical Records**

- ➤ Medical records are maintained for each employee with occupational exposer in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1020, "Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records."
- > Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop is responsible for maintenance of the required medical record.
- > These confidential records are kept in off-site security storage, for at least the duration of the employment plus 30 years.
- ➤ Employee medical records are provided upon request of the employee or to anyone having written consent of the employee within 15 working days. Such requests should be sent to Ismini Vocas 149 Madison Ave, Arlington MA 02474.
- > OSHA recordkeeping

An exposure incident is evaluated to determine if the case meets OSHA's Recordkeeping Requirements (29 CFR 1904). This determination and recording activities are done by Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop.

## Sharps Injury Log

In addition to 1904 Recordkeeping Requirements, all percutaneous injuries from contaminated sharps are also recorded in a Sharps Injury Log.

- ➤ All reports of incidences must include at least:
  - o The dates of the injury
  - o The type and brand of the device involved
  - o The department or work area where the incident occurred
  - o An explanation of how the incident occurred.
- ➤ This log is reviewed at least annually as part of the annual evaluation of the program and maintained for at least five years following the end of the calendar year that they cover.
- > If a copy is requested by anyone, it must have any personal identifiers from the report.

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## **EXPOSURE INCIDENT FORM**

A Copy of the Consent form for body art activity completed by the client involved will be attached to this form with a copy of body art practitioner license, and a copy of any medical history released to body art establishment/practitioner must be attached to this form.

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## **Injury and/or Complication Reports**

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## **POLICY ON INFECTION CONTROL**

#### Pursuant to Arlington Board of Health Rules and Regulations

Regarding Body Art Tattoo Establishments and Body Art Tattoo Practitioners

#### Operation procedures for Body Art Tattoo Establishment, Body Piercers, And Body Tattoo Practitioners Artists:

#### 1. Sanitary Procedures:

- a. Before any procedure is conducted, body art tattoo practitioners shall complete all business transactions.
- b. Before any procedure is performed, body art tattoo practitioners shall obtain a, completed and signed, consent form with a copy of a valid ID and provide a copy to the client.
- c. Before working on a client, body art tattoo practitioners must inspect hands and arms for cuts abrasions, open sores, weeping dermatitis, or lesions.

Body art tattoo practitioners MUST refrain from all procedures and handling of equipment if any of these exist.

- d. Body art tattoo practitioners MUST refrain from performing all procedures and handling of equipment if they have a cold, flu, or other communicable disease until the condition has cleared.
- e. Body art tattoo practitioners MUST wash hands, wrists, and up to the elbows with an antibacterial soap and dry hands thoroughly with a single use disposal paper towel. How to clean/wash hands, wrists to elbows will be posted at all sinks.
- f. Body art tattoo practitioners must properly utilize disposable medical-grade latex, vinyl, or hypoallergenic gloves.

#### 2. Disinfectant procedures

- a. Use fresh/new gloves for every disinfectant routine
- b. Move in such a manner to avoid re-contaminating of surface.
- c. Dispose all disposable items from work area/station into a lid trash container and all sharpies into a sharp disposable container.
- d. Remove and dispose all paper towel barrier or plastic film (if used) from work area/station.
- e. Disinfect all surfaces, drawer pulls, cabinetry, telephones, lamps, chairs, sinks, tables, floor area, and all other surfaces that may have been contaminated.
  - i. A disinfectant solution of (1 part) bleach and (10 parts) of water shall be used to disinfect blood spills on the floor. Properly dispose all gloves and paper towels/towels used to clean.
- f. Dispose single-use lap cloths after each use (if used)
- g. Properly remove gloves, dispose used gloves.
- h. Dispose materials in biohazardous waste bags after each client.
- i. All reusable equipment, such as body marking pen, shall be nonporous and disinfected after each use. Non-spray wipes for surfaces and liquids for soaking jewelry or other instruments are preferred over spray disinfectants, which may disperse pathogens into the air.
- j. Ultrasonic cleaner and autoclaves not used in this establishment. This establishment only uses disposable items.
- k. EPA approved disinfectants shall be used to dis infect the surface of the skin in the area prior to piercing.

#### 3. Disposal of Waste

All waste must be disposed of in accordance with these regulations and any other applicable laws, rules, or regulations.

- a. Proper disposal of hazardous and biological waste is mandatory. All needles must be disposed of in medical grade sharps containers and disposed of by a professional environmental company licensed by the state.
- b. Any other supplies or material that is contaminated with blood or other body fluids shall be double wrapped in red, hazardous waste bags and removed by an environmental company licensed by the state to remove biological waste.
- c. Uncontaminated disposal waste shall be placed in easy cleanable, sealed containers, with tight lids, to prevent leakage.
- d. Waste containers shall be kept closed when not in use.

The Establishment, its independent contractor and employees will adhere to the OSHA Guidelines, Code of Federal Regulations, 29 CFR 1910.1030.

## **Procedures for Decontaminating**

## **And Disinfecting Environmental Surfaces**

Describe the procedures for decontaminating and disinfecting environmental surfaces. Identify items that are to be disinfected, disinfectant used, and the frequency.

Environmental Surface	Type of EPA registered disinfectant used	Procedure/Frequency
Workstation surfaces/countertops	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Using universal precautions, the entire surface is cleaned using EPA registered disinfectant before and opening of the shop, before and after every procedure, and before closing.
Workstation Chairs/Stools	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Using universal precautions, the entire surface is cleaned using EPA registered disinfectant before and opening of the shop, before and after every procedure, and before closing.
Trays	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Using universal precautions, the entire surface is cleaned using EPA registered disinfectant before and opening of the shop, before and after every procedure, and before closing.
Surfaces (including arm rests/headrests) of procedure chairs or tables	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Using universal precautions, the entire surface is cleaned using EPA registered disinfectant before and opening of the shop, before and after every procedure, and before closing.
Procedure area	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Using universal precautions, the entire surface is cleaned using EPA registered disinfectant before and opening of the shop, before and after every procedure, and before closing.
Portable light fixtures	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Using universal precautions, the entire surface is cleaned using EPA registered disinfectant before and opening of the shop, before and after every procedure, and before closing.
Tattoo machine and clip cord	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Using universal precautions, the entire surface is cleaned using EPA registered disinfectant before and opening of the shop, before and after every procedure, and before closing.
Permanent cosmetic machine	Not applicable	Not applicable
Other	Opti-cide-3 Surface Disinfectant	Due to current covid_19 all touch surfaces in the shop will be cleaned regularly through the day (minimum every hour) and after every client.

## Procedures for Protecting Clean instruments and Sterile Instruments from Contaminating During Storage

#### Storage of Clean Instruments

All supplies used during procedure will be stored in locked workstation, all sterile supplies will remain in original unopened packaging until use. Sterile instruments may not be used if the package has been breached, or after the expiration date without first repacking and restoring.

## Standard Precautions and Aseptic Techniques Utilized During all Body Art Procedures

Persons performing body art procedures shall observe standard precautions for preventing transmission of bloodborne and other infectious diseases in accordance with OAC 3701-9-4(S) which requires the following:

- > Sterile instruments and aseptic techniques shall be used at all times during a procedure
- > Hand washing shall be performed before and after each procedure. Fingernails shall be kept short and clean
- ➤ Clean, previously unused gloves shall be worn throughout the entire procedure, including setup and tear down, if the gloves are pierced, or torn, or if they become otherwise contaminated or compromised, handwashing shall be performed, and a new pair of gloves shall be put on immediately. If the body artist leaves the area during the procedure, gloves shall be removed before leaving, and hand washing shall be performed, and a new pair of gloves shall be put on when returning. Under no circumstances shall a single pair of gloves be used on more than one patron
- > Only sterilized, single use, disposable needles shale be used on a patron. All used needles and associated needle bars shall be properly disposed of immediately after procedure
- > If shaving is necessary, single use disposable razors shall be used. Used razors shall be properly disposed of in appropriate sharps container
- > All marking instruments shall be single use or be manufactured to sterilize by design
- > All products used to address the flow of blood or to absorb blood shall be single use and disposed of properly. No individual performing a body art procedure shall use styptic pencils, alum blocks or other solid styptics to address the flow of blood
- > After any body art service and prior to the next, all procedure areas shall be cleaned and disinfected with an approval disinfectant
- > All soaps, ink, dyes, pigments, ointments, and other products shall be dispensed and applied using an aseptic technique and, in a manner, to prevent contamination of the

original container and its contents. Applicators shall be single use and disposed of properly

- > Any equipment intended for use that is not single use shall be disinfected and sterilized between patrons. Equipment that can not be sterilized shall be disinfected between use, and
- All body artists shall follow appropriate handwashing techniques and wear gloves when involved in cleaning, disinfecting and sterilization procedures.

## Personal Hygiene

Describe when handwashing is required in your facility

➤ Before entering workstation, before and after glove use, before and after client interaction, and after using the restroom.

Describe what personal protective equipment (PPE) will be worn while performing body art procedures

➤ All artists will wear protective apron, face masks, gloves. Eye protection is optional depending on location of procedure.

Describe when changing gloves is required in your facility

> After cleaning, set up for procedure, after procedure, or if glove become compromised.

### **Prevention of Cross Contamination**

Describe the techniques used to prevent the contamination of instruments, tattoo machines, trays, tables, chairs, clip cords, power supplies, squeeze bottles, inks, pigments, lamps, stools, soaps, procedure site, and additional areas of professional contamination during body art procedure

➤ All procedure surfaces will be sterilized before and after procedures, covered with appropriate one-time use

Describe types of barriers (films, wraps, absorbent pads, paper towels, bibs, wax paper, aluminum foil, etc.) will be used to protect the above instruments or equipment

➤ Artist will only use barriers appropriate in medical facilities. Barrier film, dental bibs, medical drapes. Tattoos will be wrapped with either medical grade non-porous drilock pads or Saniderm.

## **Setup Procedures**

Describe the setup procedures for the stations for the following procedures

- > Tattooing
  - o After washing hands and putting on sterile gloves, all surfaces will be properly sterilized. Aseptic technique will then be used to apply proper barriers to all procedure surfaces. Tools will then be placed, sterilized instruments will be checked for expiration date, the properly set up in front of the client. Inks and topicals will be checked for expiration, and setup in front of client.

### **Tear Down Procedures**

Describe the tear down procedures for the station for the following

- > Tattooing
  - O Directly after the procedure, artist will disassemble machine using needlestick and sharps injury protection techniques and dispose of all sharps in appropriately marked containers. All barriers will be removed, and surfaces will be decontaminated directly after use.

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## **Hepatitis B Vaccination Declination**

## (Mandatory for each employee to complete)

Please Initial each item:
I understand the due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material (OPIM)
I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection.
I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccination, at no charge to myself. However, I decline this vaccination at this time.
I understand that by declining this vaccination I could be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease.
If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and want to be vaccinated with Hepatitis b Vaccination, I can receive the vaccination series at no cost to me.
Please Sign:
Employee Name:
Please Print:
Employee Name:
Date:

458 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 (339)223-3602

#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

## Ismini Vocas is responsible for developing and implementing of this plan and will be known as The Emergency Response Team Coordinators.

#### **Emergency Escape Routes**

It is the responsibility of Ismini Vocas to see that emergency escape maps are developed, accurate, and posted. Emergency exit signs will be posted over all egresses. Emergency escape routes will be posted at employee area.

#### **Reporting Fires and Other Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency that requires immediate evacuation the person discovering the emergency should dial 911 to contact outside emergency personnel help.

Phones with a direct outside line are located at the front desk at 458 Massachusetts Avenue.

#### **Contact Persons**

The Emergency Response Team Coordinator, if on the site at the time of the emergency, or their designee will be the contact person for emergency personnel that arrive at the scene. Team leaders will be responsible for assuring that all employees are accounted for. This will be done by having each Team Leader report ASAP to the Emergency Response Team Coordinator that all are present or who is missing. This information will be forward to emergency personal on the scene. Each Team Leader will be responsible for assuring for a maximum of 20 employees.

Team Leaders at this Facility: Ismini Vocas

Others to be added by the Arlington Board of Health.

#### **Accounting for Employees**

Employees should immediately evacuate and meet outside 458 Massachusetts Avenue, either in the front parking lot or in the parking lot next door if safe. Employees shall not inhibit emergency personnel.

Each Team Leader will be responsible for accounting for all employees at the meeting spot. In the event the manager is out, any other employee or independent contractor will be responsible for accounting for all department employees. Once it has been determined that all are present or who is missing this should be reported to the Emergency Response Team Leader.

#### Accounting for Visitors

In the event of an evacuation, the Emergency Response Team Coordinator or other employee or independent contractor will also account for visitors at the outside meeting spot.

#### Inside Safe Refugee Area

Emergency incidents may occur that do not require evacuation of the building such as sever weather, or outside chemical release. The Safe Refugee area at this facility is 458 Massachusetts Avenue. Communication will be made via cellular phones. Ismini Vocas or any employee or independent contractor on site will be responsible for bringing communication equipment to the Safe Refugee Area along with emergency contact phone numbers. Portable radios and extra batteries will be kept in the employee area.

### **Evacuation Drills**

Evacuation drills will be conducted on a yearly basis. It will be the responsibility of Ismini Vocas to arrange with the local fire department for drills and determine where, if any, changes needed to be made. Employees should provide input as to the effectiveness of the drill.

### **Training**

Training of employees on the proper procedures to follow in the event of an emergency will be conducted by Ismini Vocas. Training of employees will be done on their first day of work and annually.

Additional training will be provided when:

- 1. New equipment, materials or processes are introduced
- 2. Layout or design of the facility changes
- 3. Employee's responsibilities or designed actions under the plan change
- 4. Drills demonstrate the employee performance must be improved.

### **Employee training includes:**

- 1. Review of emergence escape routes
- 2. Fire extinguisher training (if applicable)
- 3. Means for reporting emergencies
- 4. Shut down procedures for critical operations
- 5. Alarm systems
- 6. Types of potential emergencies
- 7. Hazardous areas to avoid during an emergency incident
- 8. Location of meeting spot
- 9. Procedures for disabled
- 10. Location of safe refugee
- 11. Personal protective equipment uses (if applicable)
- 12. Review Emergency Action Plan

### Team leaders training includes:

- 1. All the employees training
- 2. Complete workplace layout
- 3. Alternate escape routes
- 4. Chemical/process hazards in the facility

### **Rescue and Medical Duties:**

1. Rescue and medical duties will be performed by the local fire department

This plan will be reviewed by Ismini Vocas on an annual basis.

Ismini Vocas, Proprietor

Date

### Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop

458 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474 (339)223-3602

### **Emergency Contact Information**

Arlington Fire Department: (781) 316-3800
Arlington Police Department: (781) 643-1212
Armstrong Ambulance Service: (781) 648-0612
Poison Control: (800) 222-1222
Hazard Control:
Natural Gas:
Electricity:
Arlington Water Department: (781) 316-3194
Alarm Company:
Owner/manager (Ismini Vocas): (339) 223-3602



27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

### Memo

To: Board of Health Members

From: Annette Curbow, Health Compliance Officer

Date: October 8, 2021

RE: Body Art Practitioner Permit – Ismini Vocas

Ismini Vocas submitted an Application for a Body Art Practitioner Permit on September 1, 2021 for Ink by Mina Tattoo Shop. This application is for a permit to practice at Ink By Mina at 458 Mass Ave. This application is saught to practice tattoo. The application was reviewed in accordance with the Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners. Upon initial review, it appears that the application was complete, insofar as it contains the required elements.

Ismini currently holds a Permit to Prctice Body Art at Ink Jam Tattoo Parlor in Arlington, MA and previously completed a two-year apprenticeship at the same location.

Included in this packet are the following materials for the Practitioner Appliction.

- 1. Body Art Practitioner Application
- 2. Driver License
- 3. Current CPR/AED Certificate
- 4. Current Bloodborne Pathogens Training
- 5. Skin Course Completion Certificate
- 6. Bachelor of Science Degree
- 7. Associate of Science Degree
- 8. Cosmetology Certificate
- 9. Current Permit to Practice Body Art
- 10. Immunization Record



27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-317 Fax: (781) 316-317

### APPLICATION FOR A BODY ART PRACTITIONER PERMIT

Practitioner Information:
Your Name ISMINI VOCAS Home Telephone 339-223-3602
Home Address_
Mailing Address Same If different from home address
Social Security # Date of Birth
Establishment Information: For a New Establishment I would like too
Name of Establishment Where You Practice INK by Ming Tuttoo Shop
Address 458 Mass Ave Arlington Telephone 3392233602
Hours You Operate UNKnown @ Time Manager's Name Sel ")
Please submit the following information: 1.) Two forms of positive picture identification 2.) \$200.00 fee made payable to the Town of Arlington 3.) Documentation of training and experience as required in section 12.G (2) of Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners.
I have received, read, understood and agree to follow all rules and regulations specified in the <b>Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners.</b>
Sign Date 8/13/21



### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE BOARD OF

COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING ISSUES THE FOLLOWING LICENSE COSMETOLOGIST

ISMINI VOCAS

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10/15/2022

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LICENSE NUMBER EXPIRATION DATE SERIAL NUMBER

### BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

### BLS Provider



### ismini vocas

has successfully completed the cognitive and skills evaluations in accordance with the curriculum of the American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) Program.

**Issue Date** 

1/3/2020

**Training Center Name** 

**EMT Training Associates** 

**Training Center ID** 

MA00738

**Training Center Address** 

4 Crimson Ct

Saugus MA 01906-2567 USA

Training Center Phone Number

(781) 233-5050

**Recommended Renewal Date** 

01/2022

**Instructor Name** 

richard darragh

Instructor ID

06130182031

eCard Code

205509934744

**QR** Code



To view or verify multienticity, students and employers should scan this QR code with their mobile device or go to www.heart.org/cpr/mycards.

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Certificate of Completion

## Ismini Vocas

has completed the requirements for

# **Bloodborne Pathogens Training**

conducted by

# **American Red Cross**

Date Completed: 11/24/2020

Valid Period: 1 Year

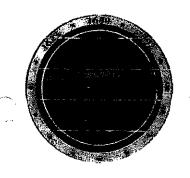
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### City of Quincy, Massachusetts

THOMAS P. KOCH, MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

440 East Squantum Street Quincy, MA 02171

Andrew Scheele

Commissioner of Public Health

Telephone: (617) 376-1270

Fax: (617) 376-1271

May 9, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Today Ismini Vocas, took the Skin Course for Body Artists at the Quincy Health Department and passed with a score a 90% (A). on the exam.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 617-376-1286.

<u>Sincerely,</u>

Ruth Jones, BSN, RN, BC, CP-FS
Ruth Jones, BSN, RN, BC, CP-FS

**Director of Nursing** 

# SKIN COURSE FOR THE BODY ARTIST

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# Ismini Vocas

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BSN, RN, BC, CP-FS

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The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the recommendation of the University of Massachusetts Boston. and of the Chancellor and Faculty of the President of the University hereby confers upon

## Ismini **Vocus**

the Degree of

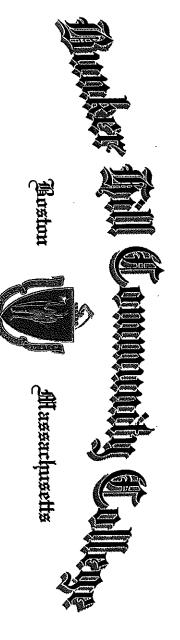
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CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Board of Trustees of the Bunker Jill Community College Make it known that

Ismini Ancus

having satisfactorily completed the prescribed program of study is hereby awarded the degree of

Associate in Science

Given at Aoston, Mussachusetts, this thirty-first day of May, 2008.

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### TOWN OF ARLINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



### OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH 27 MAPLE STREET (781) 316-3170

### PERMIT TO PRACTICE BODY ART

Permit Number: BAA 2021-02 Date Issued: January 1, 2021

Issued to: Ismini Vocas
Located at: INK JAM TATTOO PARLOR, 12 Park Ave

This is to certify that the Board of Health has this day permitted this practitioner, as a **BODY ART Practitioner** for the year ending December 31, 2021. This license may at any time be revoked for violation of the terms and conditions as prescribed by the Board of Health or any requirements of law relating thereto.

Permit fee: \$200.00

Natasha Waden

**Director of Public Health** 

Natasha Waden



27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

### Memo

To: Board of Health Members

From: Annette Curbow, Health Compliance Officer

Date: October 8, 2021

RE: Body Art Practitioner Permit – Dylan Vadakin

Dylan Vadakin submitted an Application for a Body Art Practitioner Permit on October 6, 2021. This application is for a permit to practice at Benchmark Tattoos at 1340 Massachusetts Ave. This application is saught to practice tattoo. The application was reviewed in accordance with the Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners. Upon initial review, it appears that the application was complete, insofar as it contains the required elements.

Dylan completed a two-year apprenticeship with Blvck Rose Tattoo in Hudson, MA and currently holds a License to Practice Body Arts with the Town of Hudson Board of Health.

Included in this packet are the following materials for the Practitioner Appliction.

- 1. Body Art Practitioner Application
- 2. Driver License
- 3. Current Bloodborne Pathogens Training
- 4. Current First Aid/ CPR Certificate
- 5. Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology Certificate
- 6. Apprenticeship Completion Letter
- 7. Current License to Practice Body Arts
- 8. Work Samples



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### APPLICATION FOR A BODY ART PRACTITIONER PERMIT

	Practitioner Information:
	Your Name Dylan Vadakin Home Telephone
	Home Address
	Mailing Address — Same—  If different from home address
	Social Security # Date of Birth
	Establishment Information:
	Name of Establishment Where You Practice Benchmark Tattoos
<u></u>	Address 1340 massachusets AVE Telephone (781) 872-1535
(1)	Address 1340 Massachusetts AVE Telephone (781) 872-1537 URS-Sun 11AM-5pm Manager's Name Donathan Santos
	Please submit the following information:  1.) Two forms of positive picture identification  2.) \$200.00 fee made payable to the Town of Arlington
	<ol> <li>Documentation of training and experience as required in section 12.G (2) of Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners.</li> </ol>
	I have received, read, understood and agree to follow all rules and regulations specified in the Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and
	Practitioners.
	Sign Peylon Volub Date 10/4/21



### **Certificate of Completion**

Dylan Vadakin

has successfully completed requirements for

**Bloodborne Pathogens Training** 

Date Completed: 11/24/2020 Validity Period: 1 - Years

Conducted by: American Red Cross



To verily certificate, scan code or visit redcross.org/digitalcertificate and enter ID.

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### CEU

Dylan Vadakin

has succesfully completed requirements for

### **Bloodborne Pathogens Training Online**

Date Completed: 11/24/2020

Conducted by: American Red Cross

Contact Hours: 1.0 CEUs Awarded: 0.1





IN RECOGNITION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION IN: CPR / AMD / First-Aid

(Adult / Child / Infant / Choking)

AED / Injury & Universal Precautions

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

### Dylan Vadakin

demonstrating proficiency in the subject by passing the examination in accordance with the Terms & Conditions of National CPR Foundation - Valid for 2 years. Course administered in The above mentioned Student is now certified in the above mentioned course by accordance with the 2020 ECC/ILCOR and AHA® guidelines. ID#:C1894E79

Completion: September 2, 2021

Instructor: Paul J. Scruton

Signature:  $\mathcal{A} / \mathcal{L} /$ 



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### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

### Dylan Vadakin

has successfully completed

### Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology

October 4, 2021

Wilmington, Delaware

9.5 Continuing Education Units

Wilma Yu, RN, BSN, MS, CEN

Nurse Planner

Susan A. Bowlby

President



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### Blvck Rose Tattoo 51B Main Street Hudson, MA 01749

Eduardo St. Louis Town of Hudson Department of Board of Health 78 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749

May 3, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Under my supervision, Dylan Vadakin, has completed his two year apprenticeship. He has also completed all the required courses (CPR, First Aid etc) for his license. If you have any questions feel free to reach out!

Respectfully,

Thais Valadares 508-361-6630



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Hudson

Board of Health



# LICENSE TO PRACTICE BODY ARTS

Date of Issue 5/6/2021

## BODY ART REGULATIONS

In accordance with regulations promulgated under authority of Chapter 111 Section 31 of the General Laws, License is hereby granted to:

Dylan Vadakin 51b Main St Hudson, MA 01749

Whose place of business is:

Black Rose Tattoo 51B Main St Hudson, MA 01749

Permit Expires on December 31, 2021

Town of Hudson Board of Health









27 Maple Street Arlington, MA 02476

Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

To: Board of Health From: Annette Curbow Date: October 8, 2021

RE: 142 Summer St – Basement Bedroom

Health Compliance Officers Annette Curbow and Ashley Jean conducted an inspection of a dwelling unit at 142 Summer St on September 13, 2021 per the request of occupant Sean Larkin. The inspection was conducted in accordance with the regulations enumerated in 105 CMR 410.000: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation. This bedroom is located in the basement of the single-family home located at the above-referenced address and is owned by Mary Patricia Dixon. The Notice of Violations & Correction Order (attached) was delivered via certified mail on September 23, 2021.

It was explained to both parties that, based on the Housing Code, the basement bedroom is not habitable due to a ceiling height of less than 7' throughout the unit. Though this particular defect does not pose an immediate hazard, it is not likely able to be corrected at all, let alone in a timely manner. Since it is not an emergency matter, a hearing with the Board of Health would be held before issuing a finding of unfitness for human habitation. Both parties were invited to attend the hearing.

The basement bedroom located in the above mentioned address was previously found uninhabitable in a letter dated September 12, 2005 (attached). At this time, the building was owned by Mary Patricia Dixon.



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Tel: (781) 316-3170 Fax: (781) 316-3175

Tracking #: 7019 0700 0000 2732 1386

September 23, 2021

Sent via Certified Mail

Patricia Dixon 146 Summer St Arlington, MA 02474

RE: 142 Summer St, Arlington, MA 02476

Notification of Housing Violations

**Correction Order** 

Dear Ms. Dixon:

On September 13, 2021 at or about 1:30 P.M., Health Compliance Officers Annette Curbow and Ashley Jean conducted an inspection of 142 Summer St at the request of occupant Sean Larkin. Occupant Sean was present at the time of the inspection. The occupant contacted this office with concerns of water intrusions into the rented basement bedroom. Upon the review of the housing file, it was found that in a letter dated September 12, 2005 this dwelling had been deems uninhabitable by this Office. The occupant was made aware that a similar determination could be made as a result of the inspection, and confirmed he still wanted to inspection to take place.

The inspection was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the State Sanitary Code (the "Code"), 105 C.M.R., §410.000: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation and M.G.L c.111 §127A & §127B. The Code protects the health, safety, and well-being of Massachusetts citizens and applies to every owner-occupied or rented dwelling, dwelling unit, mobile dwelling unit or rooming house in Massachusetts which is used for living, cooking, sleeping, and eating. The following conditions were observed during the course of the inspection:

### **Violations**

### **Basement Bedroom**

1. <u>Violation(s):</u> The ceiling height in the basement bedroom does not meet minimum ceiling height requirements for habitable space. The ceiling height measured less than 7ft.

<u>Corrective Action(s)</u>: Maintain the floor to ceiling height at a minimum of seven (7) feet throughout the dwelling for all habitable spaces.

### Relevant Code Citation(s):

105 CMR 410.401: Ceiling Height "(A) No room shall be considered habitable if more than ¾ of its floor area has a floor-to-ceiling height of less than seven feet."

2. <u>Violation(s):</u> More than ½ of the floor to ceiling height was below the average grade of the adjoining ground.

<u>Corrective Action(s)</u>: Maintain a grade level below adjoining ground for no more than ½ of the floor-to-ceiling height of all habitable rooms in the dwelling.

### Relevant Code Citation(s)

105 CMR 410.402: Grade Level

"No room or area in a dwelling may be used for habitation if more than ½ of its floor-to-ceiling height is below the average grade of the adjoining ground and is subject to chronic dampness."

3. <u>Violation(s)</u>: Waterlines above the baseboard heating were observed throughout the basement, indicating water intrusion and/or chronic dampness.

<u>Corrective Actions</u>: Remediate areas of the dwelling affected by water intrusion to remove all affected building components and remaining moisture. Repair the affected areas to ensure they are free of defect.

### Relevant Code Citation(s)

105 CMR 410.500: Owner's Responsibility to Maintain Structural Elements states "Every owner shall maintain the foundation, floors, walls, doors, windows, ceilings, roof, staircases, porches, chimneys, and other structural elements of his dwelling so that the dwelling excludes wind, rain and snow, and is rodent-proof, watertight and free from chronic dampness, weathertight, in good repair and in every way fit for the use intended. Further, he shall maintain every structural element free from holes, cracks, loose plaster, or other defect where such holes, cracks, loose plaster or defect renders the area difficult to keep clean or constitutes an accident hazard or an insect or rodent harborage."

### **NOTIFICATION OF HEARING**

Upon further review, Health Department records revealed that the basement bedroom located at 142 Summer St has been previously deemed to be uninhabitable based on housing code requirements in a letter dated September 12, 2005. Based on the current findings, specifically in Violation #1 and #2 and the previous notification, you are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held with the Board of Health in accordance with 105 CMR 410.831, on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 2:00pm. The hearing will be held via Zoom. Please contact this office immediately to receive instructions on how to register for the meeting. The purpose of this hearing is for the Board of Health to review the case and make a determination as to whether or not this unit is unfit for human habitation and whether an order to secure and to vacation should be issued. Such a finding may result in an order of condemnation which would require the occupant(s) to vacate and the owner to secure the dwelling unit. Please be aware, at this hearing the occupant(s), owner, and any other affected party shall be given an opportunity to be heard, to present witnesses or documentary evidence and to show why the dwelling or portion thereof should or should not be found unfit for human habitation, and why an order to vacate and secure should or should not be issued. Please be advised, you have the right to inspect and obtain copies of all relevant inspection or investigation reports, orders, notices and other documentary information in the possession of the Board of Health; and the right to be represented at the hearing

Failure to comply with this order may result in legal action taken against you pursuant to 105 CMR 410.910.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

### Sincerely,



Annette Curbow, MPH Health Compliance Officer acurbow@town.arlington.ma.us (781) 316-3174

cc: Natasha Waden, Director of Public Health Pat Martin, Lead Health Compliance Officer